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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

It seems unfair, but there are always some people who have to work on Sundays and holidays. Years ago one of my maiden aunts would not look at a Sunday paper because she felt that newspaper people should not work on Sunday. She never realized that she should have refused to see the Monday paper since copy is prepared the day before.

If everyone took a day off on a coveted holiday, the wheels of our civilization would stop turning and there would be complete chaos. Imagine no heat, no light, no water, no transportation, no telephones, and the criminal at large without the restraining influence of police protection. Our health, safety and comforts, all depend upon the services of others, some of whom must be on duty at all times.

Last year one of my friends found it necessary to take a bus on Christmas Day. In the terminal she saw a dismal group of people, most of whom appeared to be traveling alone. Their sober faces seemed to reflect a gloom that increased by contrast with the sparkle of passing merrymakers.

Then one bus pulled in, bedecked with Christmas wreaths, gay streamers, and tiny decorated trees along the lower edge of the windshield. It was Santa Claus himself who was driving, properly attired in red and white, with boots, white whiskers, and bushy eyebrows. He welcomed each passenger heartily and took tickets with a flourish. His smile was contagious and soon there was laughter throughout the bus. Strangers became friendly and everyone broke into song.

As the Christmas bus weaved its way through traffic, pedestrians stopped and stared in astonishment. Then Santa waved gayly at them, shouted "Merry Christmas," and blew his horn. The depression of the passengers was

lifted to a jolly spirit of companionship.

The driver, of course, was just a guy who had to work on Christmas Day, but he had apparently decided to make a party of it, and there never was a cheerier Santa! He not only brightened his own working hours, but also delighted the heart of many a homesick traveler.

Sensitivity to the emotions of others, together with the ability to relieve the tension of a difficult situation, is a gift that is all too rare. The bus driver had it though he may not have been aware of it. Genuine interest in other people is a quality of personality that not only wins friends but helps to creat good will among men. One vote cannot swing an election, nor can one individual maintain peace on earth. But, just as votes mount up in the ballot boxes, good personal relationships are multiplied and can strengthen the desire for peace throughout the world.

May you have a "white Christmas" this year! May you have the good wishes of friends far and near and the companionship of those dear to you! May the fire burn brightly on your hearth and spread its warmth for you until Christmas comes again!

....."Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night."

Annette Dinsmore

CHRISTMAS WITHOUT WARMTH

At this time last year an Odessa broadcast told Russian listeners that "Christmas is a capitalist invention to make suffering workers endure exploitation. Religious festivals harm the dignity of the Soviet people," the radio voice said, "because they are accompanied by drunkenness, hooliganism and other disgraceful phenomena." The same broadcast was echoed in the satellite countries of Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria.

The words were familiar words, as they are this year, though couched in new adjectives. But according to Crusade for Freedom, the public-supported American organization which finances radio and press programs behind the Iron Curtain, the Communist broadcasts leave the audience strangely unmoved.

The captive people have so demanded the joy and celebration of the Christmas season that the Soviet rulers have had to make concessions. While the cold war on Christmas continues stronger than ever, striving to freeze up the minds and hearts of its citizens, the holiday still lives. In fact, it is carried forth with some gusto nowadays, on a non-religious level, through a character called Grandfather Frost, known to the rest of the world as Santa Claus.

Grandfather Frost parties, started in 1954, are one of the most popular moves the government ever made. They are held in the Kremlin halls and in thousands of clubs and organizations throughout the country. At these parties, Grandfather Frost, far from being jolly and sometimes hilarious and frivolous, lectures to children and their parents on the virtues of the Communist dictatorship. You can easily recognize his speech by his sign-off line: "To whom do we owe all the good things in our society?"

The children used to answer in chorus: "Stalin." This year they shout "Khrushchev" or "Bulganin." Some 50,000 children in Moscow alone are expected to participate in such "festivity" this year. They will be given a bag of candy and a toy. They will watch vaudeville entertainment, too, featuring singers, dancers and jugglers. A typical pantomime skit, which makes no religious reference to Christmas or Santa Claus, tells of a girl and boy who go to the North Pole to bring back Grandfather Frost. He arrives in a red sleigh (of course, it's a red sleigh), driven, not by his famous reindeers, but by a young Soviet athlete. Humor-rumor has it that the reindeer were purged for talking too much.

Grandfather Frost carefully explains to his children, as they sit around a glittering, giant revolving fir tree that, when they trim their own New Year's tree (not called a Christmas tree because the birth of Christ and the Christmas holiday are not officially recognized), it should be ornamented with silver hammers and sickles--symbol of all good little girls and boys who work hard. They also are told that the Red Star of the Soviets should replace the "sick myth" of the White Star of Bethlehem. Then Grandfather Frost proudly points to his own figurine which sits at the base of the tree. "Never use angels," he advises the children.

Perhaps the best explanation of the official Soviet attitude toward Christmas is in the Soviet encyclopedia:

"Christmas, the celebration of the'birth of the Savior' which was borrowed by Christianity from the pre-Christian cults...is based on the legend that Jesus Christ supposedly was immaculately conceived by a virgin mother. However, it has been established by scientific criticism that these legends, as indeed the whole content of the gospels, are myths, full of all kinds of contradictions and religious fantasy. Christmas is kept alive and supported among backward groups of workers by reactionary religous prejudices."

Apparently, the Soviet regime has more "backward groups of workers" with which to contend than it hoped would be around in the enlightened year of 1956.

For instance, in Budapest, workers in state factories rebelled at working on previous Christmases and retaliated by staging slowdowns. The Hungarian regime, therefore, decided to return to the traditional practice of declaring Christmas an official holiday. Modification of the Kremlin-directed program has even included the word "Christmas" in Hungarian newspapers. In recent years the word was carefully avoided, and such phrases as "The Feast of Father Winter" or "Feast of the Fir Tree" were used.

In Czechoslovakia, miniature cribs depicting Jesus in the manger are freely available this Christmas for the first time since 1951. Only three years ago the Communists had boasted that "The Christmas crib, formerly the conventional attribute of Christmas Day, is disappearing. Little Jesus in the stable was used to remind working people that it was the proper place for the poor...." This year, however, Czech factories even turned out enough cribs for export, each one faithfully detailing all the biblical data. Also,traditional Christmas music is heard throughout Czechoslovakia. The Communist regime did rule, to temper its compromises, that workers could not have the afternoon before Christmas off if their plants had not fulfilled productive quotas.

In Moscow itself many of the manifestations of the Christmas spirit are visible. An observer of last year's Soviet Christmas said: "One of the scenes that will always stay in my memory occurred at the great Moscow Cathedral during the midnight Christmas service. Easily 10,000 Moscovites were there, crushed so very tight that it was like one slowly heaving body. The flames of thousands of candles all served to light up those Russian faces and to show the tears. There were many more thousands of old people

than young, but I was surprised, in view of the Soviet government's bitter campaign to wipe out religion, to notice so many young people. It is quite clear that the Russian church and the Soviet state have reached an uneasy compromise."

The Soviet state continues to spend millions of dollars yearly trying to jam Radio Free Europe Christmas broadcasts which smack of "decadent bourgeois nonsense." Religious sermons and especially music programs seem to rouse the Red temper. The Kremlin leaders have never been in harmony with Irving Berlin's "White Christmas," or such classics as "Silent Night" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

The New Soviet leaders have not brought a new lock of religion and the observance of religious holidays. One has only to read carefully the March, 1955, decree of Communist party chief Nikita S.Khrushchev to realize that Communist aims have not changed. The Reds have merely adapted new techniques which suit current exigencies. Khrushchev, in his "liberalized" religious decree, ordered that there be an end to ridicule of religion; that propaganda be based on a more "convincing scientific" basis. Khrushchev emphasized that the way to bring religious believers around to communism was not by discriminating against them, but by educating them so they might "free themselves from religious errors."

The same goal remains, with a new means-to-the-end calculation. The odds, however, appear heavily in favor of miscalculation. The hope of celebrating Christmas in the traditional way has far from withered away in the hearts of millions of people behind the Iron Curtain.

New York World-Telegram

BETSIE BARKS

Hello! How are you? I am excited!

Christmas is coming soon. I know because there are lots of pretty lights and everybody is rushing around and smiling.

The Boss is wrapping packages and writing cards. I want to help because I like rattling paper--but she won't let me. I hope she will wrap a package for me. I guess she will because I am very good just now. I don't hide when it's time to go to work but come out to the door so the Boss doesn't have to wait for me; I don't beg crackers from the man next door very often; and I don't bark at the window-washer.

I wish I could send packages and cards to friends. I have made up a card for you and I am sending it to you now in this magazine:

CHRISTMAS TIME

It's the time to be good
    Not the time to be bad
It's the time to be happy
    Not the time to be sad
If you try every day
    To be cheery and gay
Then you'll help to make everyone glad--and
Santa Claus will bring you lots of nice things too.

Merry Christmas!

Betsie Dinsmore

NEWS CAPSULES

An eighty-year-old relief recipient was rushed to a New York hospital in a critical condition suffering from a head injury caused by a fall in his cheap, furnished room where he has been living for the last seventeen years. A routine police investigation to locate the unconscious man's relatives revealed that his real name was Ludovico Pignatelli, a Spanish prince and a direct descendant of the fabulous Cortez, the Spanish conqueror of Mexico. A study of old Latin-American newspaper reports disclosed that Prince Pignatelli was exiled from Mexico in 1930 because of a sub rosa sale of his family's archives containing original documents of Cortez, Mexico's most important historic possessions, to American collectors. From American newspaper files, it was learned that Prince Ludovico Pignatelli was married to an American heiress whom he divorced in 1932. How he skidded into obscurity and poverty could not be ascertained.

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At breakfast in a Broadway restaurant, fifty Santa Clauses for the Volunteers of America received their final orders. Col. John F. McMahon, a V.O.A. official, read to them from the Kris Kringle rule book. It includes some rather curious items: "Don't get soup on your beard," "Keep your breath clean; avoid garlic, raw onions, alcoholic beverages," "Keep close to your chimney; don't obstruct it;" "Attract attention (with hand bell), but do no make yourself conspicuous." The colonel, who has been recruiting Santa Clauses from the Bowery and from skid rows across the country for several years, finds that they generally make good at the job, except in a few instances. One poor Santa did, he admits, scoop up all the coins in his collection kettle and go on a bender of heroic proportions, but mostly the Santas do nobly. They get $3 a day in wages, three free meals and a bed. Some straighten out completely after a Santa turn, and become working

citizens again.

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Despite his admission of committing premeditated murder--the slaying of his brother--a Toronto jury acquitted farmer Jimmy Brown, 27. Brown told the court, and apparently the jury agreed with him, that he had no other recourse but to kill his sailor-brother, Milton, 32, who carried on a romance with his wife. Jimmy Brown importuned and threatened his brother to desist from seeing his wife, but the triangle continued. When, during an argument, Milton told him that he (Milton) was the true father of his wife's baby, Jimmy decided that fratricide was the only solution. After the trial Jimmy Brown returned to his errant wife, determined to make his marriage a success.

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Residents of San Luis Obispo, Calif., were disappointed when "spacemen" failed to contact earth as a climax to "Flying Saucer Day." The Martian visitors were supposed to contact local radio station KATY through a network of eleven mobile and directional finders supplied by the Calif. Polytechnic Institute. The radio station went through with its plan to go off the air for three minutes at 10 P.M., 10:15 P.M. and 10:30 P.M. in that order that signals could be heard; but nothing happened each time. The preparations for greeting the men from outer space began following a report from "saucer scientists" in Paris and London that a landing of spacemen could be expected the night of November 7 in Southern California. The "scientists" also said the visitors would attempt to contact earth through a radio or television station which was willing to tune in.

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The Internal Revenue Service is starting a new inquiry to determine whether George Washington could have been the owner of an old copper and brass still seized not far from his home at near-by Mount Vernon. It was

seized fifteen years ago and has been in a Government warehouse in Richmond, Va. Revenue officials reason that the still might have come into possession of some of Washington's slaves and been retained in their families through the years. If new metallurgical tests prove the authenticity of the still, substantiating old Mount Vernon records about "a still up the stairs," the Government will have a problem: What to do with it? Some feel that it should be placed with Washington's other possessions, while others consider such property a breach of decorum.

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Dr. C. M. McCay, nutritionist at New York State College of Agriculture, said recent experimental studies had disproved three popular theories regarding feeding of dogs. 1. Dogs can eat mashed potatoes in large amounts without harmful effects. 2. Dogs will eat more cooked pork than most people think possible. 3. Dogs do not develop a "sugar habit" and will reject the sweeter product for a diet without sugar when given a choice. An experiment with radiated pork had contradicted the belief that dogs dislike pork.

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Women's fashions usually defy logic, but the latest "sparkling"style is driving social psychologists mad looking for the answer--while Christmas shoppers jam Fifth Avenue stores for glitter-in-the-dark nightgowns. These scintillating nighties are made of delicately colored double sheer nylon tricot copiously sprinkled with rhinestones, which absorb, refract and reflect light. For milady to slumber in a glitter gown, guaranteed not to scratch or irritate the skin, she--or Santa--must part with a shiny twenty-dollar bill.

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TRIVIA

ROCK OF AGES - Newcombe Watchorn, 85, got a divorce on the grounds that his wife said she was 61 years old when she really was 71, explained he found her true birth date on the tombstone of her previous husband.

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HORSE SCENTS - In Cologne, Germany, the famed #4711 eau de cologne company obtained a court injunction to force manure collector Karl Kolsch to remove his telephone number--4711--which he had painted in 20-in.-high numerals across both sides of his horse-drawn fertilizer wagon.

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ORDER IN THE COURT - At a bar association meeting Bill Davis was asked the secret of his legal success. Replied the Assistant U. S. Attorney, of Norfolk, Va., "When the law is on your side, pound on the law. When the facts are on your side, pound on the facts. When nothing is on your side, pound on the table.

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ALL IN THE FAMILY - Two young waitresses in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., got into conversation in their attorney's office where both were filing divorce suits, learned that each had the same complaint--a wife-beating husband--also that each had the same husband, filed bigamy charges instead.

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THE BARE FACTS - Near Welland, Ont., the Niagara Gymnosophical Society, which operates a 25-acre nudist colony, announced that it would open its doors to the public for one day to demonstrate "that all nations can live together in peace. The day's activities will be a revelation for skeptics of the nudist idea."

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MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME - Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Jr., wife of the Under Secretary of State, heard noises in the night and discovered a burglar in their house. She called to her hard-of-hearing husband who didn't quite catch what she was saying. "So I walked downstairs and shook hands with the burglar," said the 53-year-old Hoover, "I thought he was a guest."

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THE POWER OF POSITIVE SUGGESTION - A minute after Mrs. Garner Halvorson, of Fargo, N. Da., had finished singing "Bless these walls, so firm and stout" in the Plymouth Congregational Church, the plaster fell from the walls and part of the basement ceiling crashed to the floor.

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A FINE BARGAIN - Sheriff Fred Phillips, of Spartanburg, S. C., said he was recently telephoned by a 41-year-old man who reported himself drunk and asked that he be arrested by Phillip's county officers before city police picked him up. The reason: The city fine for drunkenness is $12.75; the county charges only $10.

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PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY - Arrested for practicing medicine without a license and posing as a "nutritional expert," 84-pound William Buchanan was spared a jail sentence by a Los Angeles court when it found him suffering from malnutrition.

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MEMBER OF THE WEDDING - After he and his new wife became mired in the sand dunes near Holtville, Calif., Kenneth Marcle dutifully hitchhiked into town for help, returned to find his Chevrolet and bride gone, next morning located his wife near Date City, where she explained that a "nice man" had come along, pushed the car out of the sand and taken her to Mexicali, Mexico for an evening "doing the town."

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SPORTS SHOTS

A new rule for determining batting-champion titles was adopted by baseball's playing rule committee. Instead of counting the official times at bat, total appearances at the plate will now be considered...The Phillies traded right fielder Del Ennis to the Cardinals for outfielder Rip Repulski and utility infielder Bobby Morgan...Spud Chandler and Bob Swift were added to the Kansas City A's coaching staff...Casey Stengel, 65, who guided his New York Yankees to a runaway in the 1956 pennant race, was named American League manager of the year by the Baseball Writers Ass'n...Fresco Thompson, vice president of the Dodgers, said the National League Champions were "thinking of inviting a few Japanese players to the U.S. to try out at spring training"...Tommy Henrich, former "Old Reliable" of the Yanks, was signed as a Giant coach...Al Lopez, former skipper of the Indians, signed a $40,000 contract to manage the White Sox next season...An all-male jury cleared Oriole's pitcher Billy Loes of a paternity charge...Ed Bailey, who pounded 28 homers for Cincinnati, was voted the National League sophomore-of-the-year for 1956...37-year-old outfielder Hank Sauer, recently turned loose by the Cards, was signed by the Giants...The second annual Grantland Rice Memorial Award, "for outstanding sportswriting in the Rice tradition," was presented to Walter W. Smith, of the New York Herald Tribune...Columbia's Lou Little, after twenty-five years as coach, bid farewell to collegiate football last month as the lions won the season's final game...Suspended track star Wes Santee declared in a magazine story that he could "decimate" the U. S. Olympic team in Australia by telling what he knows of rules violations by other stars...For the Australian Olympics, held from Nov. 22 through Dec. 8, Russia sent the largest contingent of athletes--510...The golden boy of the U. S. Olympic team, 22-year-old Bobby Morrow, from Benito, Texas, won the 100-meter sprint from the cream of the world's athletes.

MARGINALIA

Anthony Nutting resigned as Minister of State for Foreign Affairs in disagreement with Prime Minister Eden's Middle Eastern policy, necessitating an election to fill his post...Thomas J. Lane (D., Mass.) became the first person in United States political history to retain a Congressional seat after serving a prison term. Lane, 58, was convicted of evading $38,000 in federal income tax from 1949 to 1951...Juan Ramon Jiminez, 74-year-old Spanish poet, won the 1956 Nobel Award for literature. Some of Senor Jimenez' best known work is in the form of odes to his donkey...A copy of what is believed to be the only known first edition of Thomas Paine's tract, "The Age of Reason," composed in France in 1793, has been discovered by Col. Richard Gimbel...David Clark Sellers, 22, whose foster father was a key witness in the Lindbergh kidnaping trial of carpenter Bruno Hauptmann 24 years ago, was sentenced to die in the gas chamber for murdering a carpenter during a drinking bout...Marshal Pietro Badoglio, Italian conqueror of Ethiopia in 1936 and first Premier after the fall of fascism, died at 85... Married in 1952, the wife of German munitions maker Alfred Krupp filed suit for divorce. She sought from her husband, whose fortune was estimated at $250,000,000, $5,000,000 property settlement and $250,000 a year support. ..The best known juvenile delinquents in the Soviet Union--three daughters of high-ranking military officers--will spend a year in jail for stealing clothing and other valuables from neighbors in one of Moscow's skyscraper apartment houses...The Nobel Peace Prize Committee announced it could find no one worthy of its award for the years 1955 and 1956...President Eisenhower named James D. Zellerbach of San Francisco Ambassador to Italy to succeed Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, 53, who resigned because of poor health...

The Gregorian calendar will be used in India for all official purposes

beginning next March, the start of the Hindu modern-era year 1879...Twenty-five persons have been killed and sixty airplanes lost in the building of the Distant Early Warning line--the radar chain guarding the polar approach to North America...Singer Bing Crosby has donated another $160,000 for construction of the "Crosby Memorial Library" at Gonzaga University, his alma mater...The President of Oberlin College announced the engagement of his daughter, Helen Stevenson, 28, to 48-year-old Gov. Robert B. Meyner of New Jersey...Marshall Field, 63, multi-millionaire newspaper publisher and merchant, died in New York Hospital, after brain surgery for the removal of a blood clot...Baby nurse Virginia Jasper, 35, of New Haven, Conn., was sentenced to ten to twenty-two years for having caused the death of two infants under her care...Food at the Federal Correctional Institution at Danbury, Conn., is so good that 314 convicts have signed a petition asking the steward to forego his planned retirement...The 77th anniversary of Will Roger's birth was celebrated throughout his native Oklahoma. Twenty-nine high school bands and some 3,000 persons paraded before assembling at the Will Rogers Memorial...Cmdrs. Malcolm D. Ross, 37, and Morton L. Lewis, 43, riding a gondola attached to a 128-foot helium balloon, reached 76,000 feet over S.D. and Nebr. From the same point another balloon had soared 72,395 feet in 1935 to set the record Ross and Lewis broke...Inmates of the state prison in Menard, Ill., suggested that convicts be used for a permanent United Nations army. "A prison sentence does not wipe out love of country," they said...Mrs. Lila Jenkins, 21, of Salt Lake City, a polio victim who has spent more than two months in an iron lung, gave birth to a healthy, 5-pound, 10-ounce girl...The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena named a nine-man board of governors to direct its efforts to provide "more honest information" about flying saucers and space flight... Eight Lynn, Mass., boys faced expulsion for releasing in a jammed auditorium

a dozen mice which bit fourteen terror-stricken high school pupils...Eight B-52 jet bombers have demonstrated with record-breaking, nonstop flights of up to 16,000 miles that they could strike deep within Russia from bases in the U. S. and return...The operations of an underworld ring which trains teen-age girls in New York, Cleveland and Los Angeles to commit larceny--and then sends them throughout the country to employ their talents--have been uncovered by the Senate juvenile delinquency subcommittee...The Greeks dedicated their rebuilt Stoa at Attalos II, one of the great buildings of ancient Athens where Socrates used to gather with his thinkers...The first Negro, Mattiwilda Dobbs, to sing a romantic lead on the Metropolitan Opera stage was heard in Verdi's "Rigoletto"...Navy scientist Robert Carroll, 40, said that by making atoms extremely cold instead of hot, space flights could be faster than the speed of light--more than 186,000 miles per second...A new uniform, indigo blue, designed by Cecil B. de Mille, will be worn by the cadets of the U. S. Air Force Academy next year...Twenty-five persons, including ten Americans, were killed when a Venezuelan airliner crashed on a cloud-covered mountain in Venezuela...Johnny Dio, labor racketeer, was named by a witness as the one who arranged and paid for the acid-blinding attack on Victor Riesel...Band leader Tommy Dorsey died at 51...King Kong, a 200-pound gorilla broke out of his cage at Tampa, Fla., and violently attacked his handler, Alva B..Dexter, before he was shot to death...When asked the secret of his longevity, Dr. John Richard Taylor, grandson of President Zachary Taylor, said on his 100th birthday, "I never close my eyes with a good-looking woman in the room."

A merry, Merry Christmas and a happy, Happy New Year,

everybody!--from all at the Foundation.

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

Driving through the Minnesota countryside late in September and early October we passed lakes everywhere--lakes which reflected the deep blue of the sky and also the bright colors of the surrounding foliage. Jack Frost had spread his brush lavishly this year with the touch of the true artist. Sunshine sparkled across the scene, piercing the early morning chill with a warmth that rose almost to summer heat by high noon. Stories of temperatures dipping to forty degrees below zero seemed unbelievable. Here was Indian summer at its best in a land rich with Indian tradition--"the land of the sky-blue waters."

In Minnesota we worked primarily with the state agency, Services for the Blind, and through them with the Minneapolis Society for the Blind and the Minneapolis Home for the Blind (among others). Staff meetings were held to consider the best method of developing a service for deaf-blind people and special problems involved in the double handicap. Plans were initiated to offer adjustment training and vocational instruction to capable deaf-blind adults in the regional center sponsored jointly by the Services for the Blind and the Minneapolis Society. This would mean help for deaf-blind people in nearby states as well as in Minnesota. First, plans must be made to give intensive training to one or more counselors in these agencies. This will take time, but we feel that the interest shown by the workers there gives promise of a constructive program in the future.

We took a number of trips with home teachers to visit deaf-blind men and women and these contacts, as usual, did more than any amount of talking to stimulate interest in and understanding of deaf-blind people. It was delightful to meet personally some of our old friends whom we have known only through correspondence. These were Edward Mayrand, Vera Gammon,

Mildred Gran, and Priscilla Houle.

At the Minneapolis Society we had a chance to talk with Blanche Bradtke and Jack Boyer. Jack is preparing to enter college next fall and Blanche is employed at the workshop there. We had seen them last when they were attending school at the New York Institute.

Another highlight of the trip was a visit with Helen Hayes whom we had met years before in New Jersey when she was first married. We won't count up the years but just comment that she seems as happy as a bride still and has always been an expert little homemaker.

We also visited several people who were newly deaf-blind, and we hope that a plan to help can be worked out for them.

It was a real disappointment not to see Tom Lauritzen in Fergus Falls. We tried to plan it, but that town was found to be miles from any part of the route outlined for us. Minnesota may not be as large as Texas, but it is far from small!

With the uncertainties created by world tensions, it seems more important than ever to hold fast to friendships with a unity of spirit that is "America." As Thanksgiving Day approaches, we can be grateful for the security of that spirit which is a direct inheritance from our forefathers.

Annette B. Dinsmore

HISTORIC FINGERPRINT

by

William E. Miles

Fifty years ago, the first of the nearly eight million fingerprints now on file with the New York City Police Department was recorded for posterity in a cubbyhole office on the top floor of the old Headquarters building at 300 Mulberry Street. This first link in a chain of events that was to revolutionize the science of crime fighting was forged when Detective Joseph A. Faurot collared a sneak thief on the third floor of the old Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The prisoner, while being booked, threatened in a broad English accent to invoke the vast power of the British Empire to avenge his arrest. Acting on a hunch, Faurot mailed copies of the prisoner's fingerprints to Scotland Yard. Two weeks later a report came back. The prints were those of Henry Johnson, a London hotel thief, with a record of twelve convictions. When Johnson pleaded guilty, a New York magistrate obligingly raised the total to thirteen.

Faurot had become convinced of the infallibility of "fingerprint apprehension" while he was studying the strange new science at Scotland Yard at the request of Police Commissioner William McAdoo two years before. Fingerprints as a means of criminal identification were first introduced at the Yard in 1903 by one Sir Edward R. Henry, who as a young Colonial police officer in India had found them invaluable as a means of preventing contract forgeries by the natives.

Faurot was convinced, but his superiors were skeptical. Back from the Yard with his newly acquired knowledge, he was dismayed to find that during his absence Commissioner McAdoo had been replaced. Faurot's new boss tossed his report on fingerprinting into the waste basket and advised him to forget such nonsense.

Disappointed but undaunted, Faurot continued to keep his own private file of prints from criminals who passed through his hands. Two years passed after the arrest of Johnson before Faurot was given a second opportunity to solve a crime through his scoffed-at fingerprint evidence.

The body of Nellie Quinn, a pretty Welfare Island nurse, was found badly mutilated in a furnished room on East 118th Street. By the time Faurot arrived with his crude fingerprinting equipment, reporters had handled practically every object in the room. The detective found an empty whisky bottle under the bed, however, and, after a study of the prints, arrested George W. Kramer, a Welfare Island plumber who was known to have been friendly with the nurse. Kramer confessed he had killed Nellie during a drinking bout, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to twenty years in Sing Sing.

The solution of this murder case didn't receive much publicity because it never went to trial, but three years later--in 1911--Faurot won world-wide fame as the result of a burglary in a fashionable New York dress shop. At the scene of the crime, Faurot found a set of fingerprints on a window pane that matched those of a notorious second-story man in his private file. The suspect, Caesar Cella, was promptly put under arrest. The case went to trial in May of that year.

During the first three days of the trial, Cella's attorney subjected Faurot to withering cross-examination in an attempt to prove that the whole fingerprint idea was fantastic. At the end of the third day, as Faurot was stepping down from the stand, the judge turned to a court deputy and said sharply:

"Take this man and hold him under guard in my chambers!"

It was a black moment for Faurot, who thought he was under arrest for beclouding the issue with his new-fangled theory. After an uncomfortable half hour, he was escorted back to the courtroom and led to a window on which fifteen spectators had recorded their fingerprints. Then he was handed a pane

of glass on which one of the fifteen had made a second set of prints.

"Now," challenged the judge, "tell me which fingerprints on the window are duplicated on the pane."

In six minutes Faurot had the right answer. The courtroom cheered as Cella was found guilty--the first man ever to be convicted in New York on fingerprint evidence.

Although Cella's conviction caused the New York Police Department to make it a regular practice from then on to fingerprint all persons booked for crime, Faurot's accomplishments still were regarded as strokes of pure luck by many of his colleagues. One official, who tried constantly to trip him up, walked into the fingerprint bureau one day with a young man.

"Do you think you could identify this man if you ever saw him again?" the official asked Faurot. After examining the stranger's hands, Faurot nodded. "I'd know him anywhere," he replied.

A short time later, the official returned. He pointed to his companion and said to Faurot: "Do you remember this man?" Faurot studied the stranger's fingers. "This isn't the same man you introduced me to fifteen minutes ago," he declared. "He must be a twin brother."

"What makes you think that?" inquired his chagrined superior. Faurot explained that the first stranger's prints showed one pattern; the second man's, another. As usual, he was right. The men were twins--Frank and Charles Terry, a vaudeville team.

In 1926, Faurot retired from the New York Police Department with the rank of Third Deputy Commissioner--basking in the warm memories of how his tiny private fingerprint collection had mushroomed to fabulous man-catching proportions. Although no accurate breakdown is available on the number of arrests or convictions secured through fingerprint evidence, the F.B.I. recently reported that more than 450 criminals a month are apprehended through the use of fingerprints "in New York City and elsewhere."

During his retirement, until his death in 1942, Faurot turned his scientific talents to invention. In collaboration with a chemist, he designed a pocket fingerprinting set no bigger than a billfold which uses a colorless preparation that blackens on paper but won't stain the fingers. These sets are now in use all over the world.

--From the New York Times

BETSIE BARKS

Hello! How are you? I'm fine.

Thanksgiving is a happy time. The Boss and I go to Edythe's place in Philadelphia, and our friend Lee comes too.

Then the Boss's family comes, her sister and her husband, her niece and her nephew, and we all have a party.

There is a big table with a long white cloth. It feels like a tent when you get under it.

There is a fat turkey on the table and lots of other things that smell good. There are candles and other pretty things on the table, too, but I like the smells best.

Everyone sits down and eats and eats. I lie under the table. They talk and laugh a lot and it takes a long time. But when they finish, I get a plate of turkey myself (without bones).

I don't understand why they take so long to eat. I think it's because they talk so much. I never talk when I eat, and I finish very fast.

What is football?

The Boss's niece and nephew get excited about football and everyone talks a lot about it. Sometimes they sing songs.

I could get my turkey sooner if they would eat faster, but it's fun anyway. I like parties.

I hope you have friends with you on Thanksgiving and that you have a big turkey. Maybe <u>you</u> can have some bones to chew!

Thank you and goodbye.

Betsie Dinsmore

NEWS CAPSULES

A grim choice confronted Leroy Bernard, of Port Chicago, Calif. Would he try to save his son, John, 5, from drowning? Or would he go to the aid of his brother, Clifford, 24? Mr. Bernard, 38, San Leandro operating engineer chose to save his son and struggle to keep afloat after his skiff capsized in Carquinez Straits. As Mr. Bernard put his arm around little John's chest in a lifesaving carry, he heard Clifford's cries for help. In the next minute Clifford sank from sight. The surviving father and son were rescued by a Navy craft.

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Theodor Weber, 38-year-old Swiss businessman and former convict, was sentenced to life imprisonment for a murder in which the police could produce neither body nor weapon. An eleven-man Zurich jury found Weber guilty of having killed and robbed Gustav Eichenwald, a Viennese watch dealer. The only evidence the police could discover was a single hair--found to be Herr Eichenwald's--on the seat of a car hired by Weber.

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Two mad brothers armed with machine guns, TNT and acid held one hundred children and three teachers as hostages in a schoolhouse in Milan, Italy, for six terrifying hours. A full battalion of national police, 700 men, stood helpless as the madmen threatened to blow up the school or maim the children with acid unless a $380,000 ransom was paid. Then a young teacher, Paola del Caratore, flew at one of the brothers, Arturo Santato, 27. She pummeled him, then grabbed his knife and stabbed him in the head so swiftly that the other brother, Osvaldo, 22, could not grapple with her. As the heroic teacher distracted the madmen, police stormed the barricaded school and liberated the children.

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A 6-month-old beagle pup called Sixie is alive today because his 12-year-old master gave up his own life to save him. Sixie, his master Eugene Rickey, and Howard Slee, 11, were playing on the tracks of the Lackawanna Railroad, Mount Tabor, N. J. When the boys saw a train coming, Eugene ran to Sixie, who was sitting in the train's path, and threw him to safety. The first car struck Eugene and hurled his body aside 150 feet up the tracks. He died instantly. The boy found the stray dog about a month ago.

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The Pennsylvania Railroad has asked that the latest award of $104,000 for damages in the case of a one dollar piece of ham be set aside or reduced. This was the second time the railroad went before Superior Court in Elizabeth, N. J., appealing a jury award to former dining-car steward Carl Jorgensen. He was arrested by railroad detectives in June, 1953, and accused of stealing the ham. Jorgensen charged he was wrongfully discharged from his job, imprisoned and slandered by the railroad, and a jury awarded him $80,000 damages. This was increased to $104,000 by an appeal jury.

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"My baby was kidnaped!" was Mrs. Lois Bucher's terrified cry to Chicago police. She told them how she had befriended a pregnant woman who whisked away her 1-month-old baby while she was out of her apartment making a phone call. Police started a search and..."I wanted a baby so much," Mrs. Gladys Bynum, 24, told police. As for being pregnant, Mrs. Bynum was not. She had just padded herself, donned a maternity dress and somehow convinced her husband she had given birth to the stolen baby. When he heard the truth, he was sad. And as for Mrs. Bucher's husband, when he heard the news...he was pretty sad, too. Because it turned out he wasn't married to Mrs. Bucher. He was Thomas Paterimos, married to Joan Paterimos and father of five children.

A horrified father stirred the embers of a bonfire on a South Jutland, Denmark, farm and discovered he had burned his two-year-old son to death. Detlef Keller invited his three boys to watch him burn a heap of reeds. As he set the pile on fire he noticed the youngest, Peter, was missing but thought he had returned to the house. When the blaze was out Mr. Keller found Peter's charred body in the ashes. The boy had been overcome by smoke after hiding in the reeds.

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Artist Egbert Oudendag, of Hamilton, Ont., testified in court he had agreed to stay in Max Kaye's funeral parlor while he painted two portraits of the undertaker. "Many nights I shared my lodging with one, sometimes two corpses," Oudendag complained. Judge Timothy J. McKenna ordered Kaye to pay the $160 still due on the portraits. He dismissed the undertaker's counter claim against the artist for "lodging."

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At the last meeting of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Drs. Jacob J. Longacre and G. A. deStefano of Christs and Children's Hospitals, Cincinnati, Ohio, told how they had helped a 2-year-old boy, almost half of whose skull was destroyed when a truck backed over him. Working with Dr. Edgar Lotspeich, neurosurgeon, the doctors removed four ribs from the child in four separate operations and used them to cover the skull defect. The little boy, now almost 6, is alert, developing normally and needs no protective covering for his head. The rib grafts in this and other cases form a scaffolding along which new skull bone is built, the doctors explained.

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TRIVIA

SELF-PORTRAIT - In Great Bend, Kansas, Donley Hurd published a notice in the Daily Tribune: "You are hereby notified that you shall cash no checks supposed to be signed by me because I never have any money in the bank and never give any checks unless I'm too drunk to know what I'm doing."

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FOR THE BIRDS - Joseph Albanese, of Manhattan, was fined $10 in traffic court for unnecessary auto-horn blowing despite his explanation that his pet crow, Oleander, hopped on the steering wheel and tooted the horn.

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OLD WIVES' TALES - The leader of Australia's wife-sharing religious sect explained it all to the judge: "We believe that when we exchange partners it is according to God's will. We do not act out of lust but out of love. Sometimes we pray all night for guidance." Said the judge solemnly: "We can't see where you find the time. With all those brand new wives to argue with, that is."

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NEITHER RAIN NOR SNOW - Arrested after postal inspectors found eleven bags of parcel-post packages, two cartons and two suitcases full of undelivered letters, cards, newspapers and magazines strewn over the floor of his bedroom, ex-Postman Alvin Tim explained that he had dumped the mail because he is subject to bunions and tires easily.

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PEOPLE'S CHOICE - Vincent Murphy, of Duluth, sadly announced that he would have to abandon his campaign for election to the mayor's office after he was sentenced to 90 days in the workhouse for nonsupport.

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HIDDEN ASSET - After he was arrested on a check-forging charge, John Boston, of Columbus, Ohio, asked the cops, "Is this all you have against me?", grabbed the check when a cop nodded assent, swallowed the evidence.

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BENCH & BAR - In Milan, Italy, disguised behind stolen sunglasses, a natty grey flannel suit and a bogus beard made from shaving-brush bristles, Convict Francesco Boschi joined a party of visiting attorneys, calmly walked past saluting guards in the first successful break from San Vittore Prison in eleven years.

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HAPPY ENDING - Arrested for attempted murder of his nephew, Gordon Everts, of Vancouver, B.C., told the police: "I held him while my wife hit him with an ax. This is the first time she acted like a woman--not like a mouse--when I asked her to do something."

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STOPPERED - Window washer Alves de Sousa was arrested for practicing medicine without a license. His explanation: "I stole so many drugs from hospitals where I worked that I was compelled to open a medical office in order to sell them to my patients before they spoiled."

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BRACKET - In Newhall, Calif., practicing a fast draw with a holster strapped to each hip, Harold J. Erickson grabbed for his six-shooters, squeezed both triggers before unholstering, shot himself in both legs.

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ONE MAN'S MEAT - A burglar broke into a laboratory at Rye, N. Y., opened the refrigerator, saw delicious-looking slabs of red meat, took them out and fried them on a small electric stove. When biologist Dr. Thomas B. Dunn looked for his 12-year-old rat cultures the next day, they were gone! No case of rat poisoning was reported as yet.

SPORTS SHOTS

Tom Sturdivant of the Yankees and Jack Harshman of the Chicago White Sox, both converted infielders, were the leading hitters among major league pitchers in 1956. Sturdivant had the highest batting average, .313 while Harshman walloped the most home runs, six, and drove in the most runs, 19... The Washington Senators have both Boston and Cleveland bidding for Eddie Yost. The Red Sox particularly like the idea of Yost, who has led the league in base on balls receivership four times, getting on base ahead of their power hitters...The great catch Mickey Mantle made in the fifth game of the World Series may have cost him the $10,000 Hickok belt that goes annually to the best professional athlete of the year. The catch saved Don Larsen's perfect game, a performance that may win the award in the end for the pitcher...Manager Al Lopez, whose Cleveland Indians finished second in the American League pennant race, resigned...The National Baseball Congress named George H. Sisler as U. S. commissioner of its world-wide organization for a five-year period...Jack Tighe, 43, a veteran of almost 20 years in the Detroit organization, was made manager of the Tigers...An 11-man syndicate paid $5,500,000 for the Tigers--the biggest outlay in all sports history for one club--to end a 21-year era of ownership by the Briggs family...Newcombe may be a bum in Brooklyn, but a poll by the Sporting News, baseball trade paper, just released designated Big Newk as the most valuable pitcher in the National League...The Cardinals acquired five players from their minor league clubs: Shortstop Eddie Kasko and third baseman Ron Plaza from Rochester, pitchers Marty Kutyna and Tom Cheney and outfielder Chuck Harmon from Omaha...The National Boxing Assn. is taking a step in the right direction, and one Joe Louis should approve, in seeking legislation permitting income taxes to be deducted from a fighter's purse.

MARGINALIA

Donald A. Quarles, Air Force Secretary, said that Capt. Milburn G. Apt, pilot of the ill-fated X-2, was flying about 2,200 miles an hour, "faster than any other human being has ever been known to fly" shortly before his death...Radio carbon tests indicated that the skull of a woman, not unlike the modern American Indian, found near Midland, Tex., was 20,000 years old--the oldest human remains ever found in the Western Hemisphere...The last of thirteen Hiroshima maidens were discharged from Mount Sinai Hospital, N. Y. The entire group of twenty-five who came to New York City in May, 1955, had undergone a total of 140 operations to correct face and limb deformaties caused when Hiroshima was atom-bombed in World War II...Ex-Dictator Peron's diplomatic corps in Washington insists that within eight months the Peronists again will control Argentina, but without Peron...An unusual tapestry four feet square has been fashioned from the hair of 20,000 Japanese war widows. It will be presented to a shrine for war dead...Fan-dancer Faith Bacon, in her forties, billed as "the world's most beautiful dancer" during her "Vanities" days committed suicide when she could no longer obtain employment...Mrs. Thomas Dillard, of Miami, Fla., informed that her 18-year-old son had died of a heart attack during physical training at Parris Island, S.C., Marine base, said, "They killed my boy. He was never sick but twice in his life." The Corps said "a further investigation into the death will be conducted."...James Carrollton Putnam, of Fayetteville, Ark., the first national commander and one of the founders of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, died at 88...Three thousand carrier pigeons valued at $30,000 died of asphyxiation when they were placed aboard a railway car that was hermetically closed...Herbert Hoover Williams, 27, of Detroit, was sentenced to from 120 to 240 years for possessing and selling narcotics--the longest prison

sentence ever meted out...350-pound Paul Anderson, 23, "the world's strongest man," will marry 104-pound, 17-year-old Gail Taylor, of Toccoa, Georgia...A gunman dressed as a woman and speaking in a high falsetto voice held up the famous Boston Lying-In Hospital and fled with $43,000...Dr. J. H. Davis, 62, of Salt Lake City, sliding away from the wheel to make room for his approaching wife, caught his sleeve on the gearshift lever, bolted the car forward and killed her...Five-and-Dime heriess Barbara Hutton, 44, five times wed, is having a volume of her love poems published which will sell at $6 a copy.. Dorothy Long, tiny 29-year-old insurance clerk, was sentenced at Hackensack, N. J., to an indeterminate reformatory term for plotting the murder-for-money of her mother and stepfather...George Bryant, 8, of Colton, Calif., a polio victim whose picture was once used on a March of Dimes poster, was drowned in a swimming pool by a playmate, Lester Stewart, 11, who kept the younger boy under water until he stopped struggling...Each of five American zoos will receive a rare okapi--which resembles a cross between a horse and a giraffe, as a gift from the Belgian Congo...Fire losses will exceed $900,000,000 in the United States this year, according to the National Board of Fire Underwriters...While praying at their grandmother's grave, Joseph Arnold and Richard Ford, of Chicago, were robbed by three armed bandits...The West German Government has legalized the wearing of the Iron Cross of the Hitler regime which had been banned during the Allied Occupation...Patricia Corcoran, 12, hacked her aunt, Mrs. Guy Bunce, 55, of Oakland, Calif., to death with an ax rather than explain how she lost her $5 weekly allowance...The Federal Trade Commission ordered Carter Products, Inc., makers of "Carter's Little Liver Pills," to drop the word "liver" from the brand name. It said the pills have "no therapeutic effect beyond that of an ordinary laxative."...Vincent L. Carolan, 26, a plumber who lost his left leg in an accident while helping to build the New York Coliseum was

awarded $145,000... Brig. Gen. David O'Neill ordered 500 Marine dependents out of Japan within thirty days under "Marine Corps policey." Dozens of angry wives said they would defy the order...A public campaign will begin in New York City to raise $5,000,000 to establish the American Museum of Immigration within the walls of old Fort Wood at the foot of the Statue of Liberty...Harvard University has a new computing machine capable of composing music electronically. It is a $1,500,000 gift from James H. Rand, a Harvard alumnus and president of Remington Rand...The Grand Army of the Republic was dissolved after the last member of the organization--Albert Woolson--died at 109...PFC James A. Coleman, 24, Fort Chaffee, Ark., was sentenced to life imprisonment for choking to death Mrs. Mitchell Thomas, 17, who was found in the trunk of his car when it was stopped at a roadblock set up by police trying to trap a holdup man...Peasant women, victims of the worst drought north central Ceylon has had in generations, have been selling their infants for as low as seven rupees ($1.40) because they couldn't feed them...Mrs. Helen Reilly, 48, socially prominent wife of an Ossining, N. Y., surgeon, and three others were arrested for stealing and forging fifty-four prescriptionsfrom her husband which they filled to obtain drugs for their own use... Four walls of murals depicting the life of President Eisenhower will be unveiled at the Eisenhower Museum in Abilene, Kan., Nov. 24...Acy Lennon, secretary to Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., was sentenced to a year and a day in prison and fined $2,000 on his conviction for evading $1,641 in Federal income taxes. Powell, a Democrat of Harlem now supporting Pres. Eisenhower, said that Lennon had received "the rawest deal a man ever got."...Women's nightgowns, slips, panties and hose are more frequently stolen than any other items in a store, it was reported at the convention of the Council of International Investigators. The odds are almost five to one that the thief will be a store employee.

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NATIONAL SERVICES FOR DEAF-BLIND PEOPLE

Presented at the Convention of the General Session of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, Los Angeles, July 12, 1956, by Annette B. Dinsmore

A few weeks ago several cases of typhoid fever broke out in one section of New York City and the remark was made at the time that typhoid fever has been so well controlled in recent years that many doctors today have never had the experience of treating cases with this disease.

Although, unfortunately, we cannot say that the incidence of blindness coupled with deafness is on the decrease in this country, it is true that the proportion is low and, for that reason, many workers have never had the opportunity of serving a deaf-blind client. This very fact poses a problem for us who are trying to develop a constructive nation-wide program of service for these people. Deaf-blind people are the minority of minorities--yet their needs must never be underestimated, needs which are multiplied manyfold as a direct result of the double disability.

In studying the progress of services for deaf-blind people on a national basis, we see a picture that is, in many respects, encouraging. We have not been working alone, and we have no desire to do so. Constructive relationships have developed with agencies all over the country, and it has been a matter of mutual growth--growth in the awareness of the existence of deaf-blind persons in our various communities--growth in understanding of the complexities life holds for them. We had the privilege of traveling in forty-three of the forty-eight states and the District of Columbia, meeting you and your deaf-blind clients, and considering together possible solutions for individual problems. Some of the trips made were initial or short contacts, but in twenty-six of these states we traveled extensively with staff members in the field to give what may be considered "in-service" training.

The response has been highly gratifying, and it is of interest to note that in many of the states where we have made intensive trips of this kind, deaf-blind people are being given careful consideration and thoughtful understanding. Through the years we have learned much from you and your clients, and, in turn, we hope that we have been able to bring you a measure of help in various ways.

In our services we are concerned with deaf-blind individuals from the cradle to the grave. As you know, the education of deaf-blind children dates back more than one hundred years, while the effort to focus attention upon the problem as a whole, including all age groups, has been organized less than a quarter of that time. We have been cooperating with educators who have specialized programs for the instruction of deaf-blind children and within the last two years have increased our staff in order to help obtain more accurate information as early as possible, to promote the use of adequate medical resources and legislation to meet the cost of educating the children. We hope to offer assistance to workers in the counseling of parents of preschool deaf-blind children, and help develop techniques in evaluation. But these children do grow up--what then?

More than ninety per cent of the deaf-blind persons on register at the American Foundation for the Blind are over twenty years of age and the greater proportion of these have lost sight or hearing or both in adult life. In looking at the record, it might be said that deaf-blindness is on the increase, since in 1946 there were 1,521 on register, in 1947, 1,695, compared with 3,357 as of July, 1956. However, these figures represent not necessarily an increase in numbers but an increase in our knowledge through more accurate and complete referrals.

Our register includes those persons who fall within the definition of blindness, and who, in addition, are either profoundly deaf or hard of

hearing. According to the functional definition, a person is deaf if he is unable to follow connected discourse through the ear even with amplification. Recently we have divided the adult register into the two categories, deaf and hard of hearing, with the thought in mind that this division would hold greater significance in terms of service needed. The figures were rather surprising, since we had expected that there would be more than twice as many hard of hearing than deaf.

The total register of 3,357, less 289 children, leaves 3,068 on the adult list. Of course, we had insufficient information or contradictory statements on 335, so that it was impossible to classify them. However, of the 2,733 for whom we had complete data, 1,045 are deaf and 1,688 hard of hearing. This proportion is closer to three to two than two to one as we had anticipated.

During the last ten years we have made every effort to analyze the over-all needs of deaf-blind and hard of hearing people. Most of you are familiar with our material aids program through which we furnish hearing aids if they can be used effectively, braille writers, typewriters, watches, clocks, and other appliances, when there is a need and there are no state or local resources available. We have offered financial assistance through the Helen Keller Scholarships for higher education, temporary foster home care, and tuition for children pending legislative action. We have spent a great deal of time and thought on the question of communication for profoundly deaf-blind people because communication presents the greatest barrier against family and social relationships and employment possibilities. We have a printed manual describing in detail various methods of communication, a manual designed to assist workers and individuals in making direct contact with deaf-blind people. The Tellatouch machine is not included since it has been available only for the last two years. The Tellatouch is serving a

long-felt need, and is now being used by more than 125 persons. This machine, which was developed at the Foundation over a period of years, is a mechanical device which enables anyone to "talk" to a deaf-blind person by means of braille, whether or not the "speaker" himself knows braille. Printed descriptions of Tellatouch are available upon request.

At present we are making a concerted effort to focus attention upon the employment possibilities for capable deaf-blind workers. They have a very real need--a psychological as well as economic need for remunerative occupation. Enforced idleness for anyone is debilitating, but it becomes even more so for a person shut in between the isolating walls of deaf-blindness. A great deal of public education is needed, but first of all we need a conviction within our own profession, a conviction of the employability of deaf-blind people. This represents a challenge for all of us, a challenge which requires imagination, ingenuity, and the highest possible skill. Resources must be expanded for evaluation, pre-vocational and vocational training, and it is to be hoped that the special techniques necessary may be developed within existing rehabilitation facilities.

Last February the American Foundation for the Blind sponsored a workshop session to consider in detail the problem of Vocational Training and Employment of Deaf-Blind Adults. A limited number of participants were invited, each of whom had something to contribute from personal experience and training. The work session was called in order to concentrate thinking and spearhead the problem. Specific vocational goals were analyzed, such as employment in competitive industry, employment in sheltered workshops, industrial homework, and self-employment. The reports submitted included constructive suggestions and analysis which should prove of value to the field as a whole. Copies of the report of the workshop are available upon request. We hope you will all study it carefully, keeping in mind that this

is just the first step.

Many years ago, when I reached my tenth birthday, I remarked to a neighbor who had seen eighty birthdays, "Now I have passed a milestone in my life and I am not a child now." She replied, "You will find more milestones ahead, and remember you are not quite grown up yet." Services for the Deaf-Blind of the American Foundation for the Blind celebrated its tenth birthday last January. We have passed a few milestones, but we must never forget that there is much to be done and we are not quite grown up yet.

Editor's Note: We felt that our readers would be interested in the paper Miss Dinsmore presented last July, and have included it this month instead of her regular message.

BETSIE BARKS

Hello! How are you? I am fine!

Last summer the Boss and I flew for hours and hours in a big airplane. We went to a place they call "California," and we saw some deaf-blind friends.

First, Tad Chapman came to the hotel to see us and he talked with the Boss a long time. He has no rabbits now, but he has lots of chickens and eggs. I like eggs. The Boss gives me an egg for Breakfast sometimes.

We saw Bob Smithdas there at that hotel, and Tad talked with him too. Bob took a train from New York. I like airplanes.

One day we went to see Maude Devine. She has two dogs, but they stayed out on the porch. Maude patted me and talked with the Boss. They had a good time.

Then we went to see Flo Thompson. She talked and laughed, and the Boss said it was good to find her so happy.

The other deaf-blind friends we saw were Lillian Sabinske, Jackie Coker, and Alice Blais. It is too long to tell you all about them. But they were all glad to see us and we had a good time.

Jackie fixes her hair in a "pony-tail." The Boss says that's the style for college girls. It doesn't look like my tail though.

We went to something called "a ghost town." They had wooden sidewalks there, and big things called "covered wagons." We had a ride in a stage-coach. It rocked and bumped and I liked the stagecoach. I didn't see any ghosts though.

Do you know about hurricanes? They named one "Betsie." Betsie went out to sea and didn't blow down any houses or trees. The Boss said she had to be good because she was named after me.

Thank you and goodbye.

Betsie Dinsmore

NEWS CAPSULES

The fantastic story of a man who kept the legend of Adolph Hitler alive in the mountains of Kentucky was revealed by U. S. Atty. Henry J. Cook. Cook said Will H. Johnson, 61, a part-time preacher and unemployed miner, admitted he had obtained thousands of dollars to aid a "new revolt" presumably from persons who admired the former German dictator. Johnson was charged with using the mails to defraud and receiving an estimated $10,000 to $15,000 in contributions since 1946. Investigation of the case began after more than 100 letters concerning the "new revolt" were handed to federal agents. Johnson apparently developed his scheme from newspaper stories in 1946, which speculated that Hitler was alive and might be hiding in the Southeastern Kentucky mountains.

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In 1926 a plump little 15-year-old named Frances Heenan, known as "Peaches," married millionaire Edward W. Browning, 51, soon to be known far and wide as "Daddy." The marriage lasted about six months and ended in a lurid revelation of Daddy's boudoir habits. The "Peaches Browning" affair became a symbol of the jazz-age '20s. Last month "Peaches," four-times married and divorced, fell in her New York apartment. She died shortly of head injuries in a hospital at the age of 46.

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President Eisenhower received the first pressing of a new record album entitled "The President's favorite Music." Arthur Fiedler, conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra, made the presentation at the White House. In a tribute to music sighned by the President on the back of the album, he wrote that musical enjoyment for him had "a moral and spiritual value which is unique and powerful." The records include selections from Bach, Beethoven, Verdi and Gershwin, a Marian Anderson spiritual and the theme music to the

movie "High Noon."

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A self-styled Indian holy man has confessed to leading a cannibal gang that ranged through northern India preying on children. The 35-year-old "Sadhu," whose confession was reported following his arrest, told police his cult kidnaped children and ate their flesh, after offering them up as human sacrifices. Government police officials reported on activities of these cannibals, who claim to be worshippers of Kali, the Hindu goddess of death and destruction. Skulls and bones were recovered from the hide-outs of 17 sadhus who were seized recently and indicted for kidnaping children. Prime Minister Nehru warned his people that many of the sadhus "simply exploit you and extort money from you. I want you not to have faith in such sadhus."

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The Navy announced the first detection of radio waves from the planet Mars. They were picked up with a 600-inch radio telescope at the Naval Research Laboratory by the same team that earlier this year detected radio emissions from the planet Venus. The recorded radio emissions from Mars, the Navy scientists said, indicate the planet's average temperature to be slightly lower than the freezing point of water. The signals, picked up on two clear nights in the week of Sept. 9, when Mars was at a point nearest to earth, were measured at a wave length of three centimeters, which is in the short wave radio range

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A 27-year-old New York librarian found hanged, mouth taped, hands tied behind his back, died a victim of his own mournful hobby--researching all the technical facts about hanging, including the last sensation of the rope around the neck, detectives disclosed. The body of Alfred Kilbourne Hammer, Jr. was found suspended from a clothesline in the kitchen of his apartment. Hammer, it is believed, was inspired by a book, "A New Handbook of Hanging," which was found on the table near his body. Detectives learned that Hammer

had been morbidly curious about the sensation of hanging, and once before had tried a somewhat similar experiment.

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Edward F. Eckwerth, 29, a former coffee salesman, married and the father of an infant daughter, confessed to the slaying of Rosemary Spezzo, a 24-year-old parochial school teacher, of Yonkers, N. Y. He said he met the girl on the afternoon she disappeared and they went together to a secluded spot. She wanted him to leave his wife and go with her. Suddenly she jumped up and started to run. He pursued her, caught her, and bludgeoned her on the head with a rock. After burrying the body in a wooded place, he went home to spend the evening with his family. The next day, he fled to Seattle; there he stole an automobile, which caused his arrest and subsequent questioning that led to his confession.

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Frank Lloyd Wright, America's greatest living architect, said he was working on plans for a 510-story, mile-high, office building on Chicago's lakefront. It would be the tallest in the world, dwarfing the Empire State Building (1,250 feet) and the Chrysler Building (1,046 feet). The building will house 100,000 employes of the State of Illinois, Cook County and Chicago. Mr. Wright said that the project had the backing of "several prominent Chicagoans."

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Sgt. Leon Peine and Specialist Roger D. Busch, both paratroopers, jumped from opposite sides of a C-119 Flying Boxcar while more than 1,000 feet aloft. Sgt. Peine's parachute did not open. Specialist Busch saved him and described the rescue: "I counted off my four seconds and looked up to check my canopy (parachute). I saw that it was still opening. Then I saw Sgt. Peine and I recognized him as he hurtled by. Then his chute hit me on the face. By instinct I grabbed it." The two landed on a dirt road. Sgt. Peine suffered a head injury; Specialist Busch was uninjured.

TRIVIA

SETTLED DOWN NOW? - A letter was received by the Internal Revenue Service in Albuquerque: "About March 26, 1956, I filed my income tax from the County Jail at Albuquerque, New Mexico. This letter is to inform you as to the change of my address. Since that time I have been sentenced to the U. S. penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. Very truly yours,.....73281.

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YOU DID IT--YOU FIX IT - A juror went to sleep during a long speech by a lawyer in Butler County Common Pleas Court at Hamilton, Ohio. The attorney asked Judge P. Boli to wake him. "Not me," said the judge. "You put him to sleep. You wake him."

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DEFT DEFINITIONS - Adlai Stevenson was asked on TV to give a ten-letter word for social security. He answered, "For a man--employment; for a woman--engagement." After the telecast the Democratic hopeful reflected: "I should have said, 'Suspenders.'"

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A FIERY TEMPER - Police charged Mrs. Mary E. Love, 43, of Baltimore, with arson when she told them she had set her apartment on fire, after a quarrel with her husband, "so he wouldn't have a house to come to."

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SO CHEAP, IT'S A CRIME - Thieves broke into the one-room apartment of Arthur Church, 21, in Passaic, N. J., picked up an old pair of shoes, and old shirt and necktie and left him this note: "How in the hell can honest crooks like us make a decent living when we get stuck with junk like yours...when you get some new clothes we'll come back.

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WANT AN ASPIRIN, PETER? - Popular Peter Donald still gets sizzling headaches when he thinks of his closing announcement fluff on Bromo Seltzer's TV show, Masquerade Pary: "That wonderful product Alka Seltzer--I mean Alka Bromo--oh, shucks, good night."

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YOU DON'T CALL ME DARLING ANY MORE - The Florida Railroad and Public Utilities Commission fined Miami bus line operator Abe Alianell $500 for failing to show proper courtesy toward his patrons. Alianell was accused of calling his feminine patrons "darling" and "sweetheart."

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EARLY FOR THIS YEAR, ANYWAY - Postmaster Frank Sweeney, of Bay City, Mich., an advocate of early posting of Christmas mail, just found in his filing cabinet 84 cards his wife had given him to mail last Christmas. The embarrassed postmaster "promptly" mailed them.

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SARGE HAUNTS HIS DREAMS - When Albert Longmore, 21, was in the army and the sergeant said "jump," he jumped. Mr. Longmore now a civilian dreamt the sergeant said "jump." That he did, right through his bedroom window 15 feet to the concrete path below, without getting hurt.

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WHAT! NO ULCER? - Passersby found 52-year-old Goichi Kawakami lying in the street, doubled up with pain. At the hospital doctors decided his stomach was inflamed. They operated. Inside they found: 1 piece of wire, 13 razor blades, 1 fountain pen, 1 toothbrush, 1 pencil, 1 pair of chopsticks, 1 bone from an umbrella, 21 nails and 41 other items of hardware--all, it appeared, swallowed during the past six months. Kawakami explained: "I was told at a festival they would give me a big prize if I ate hardware." "The patient is doing fine," Kawakami's doctors reported.

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SPORTS SHOTS

Chuck Dresson was rehired as manager of the Senators with a pat on the back by his boss, Calvin Griffith, for doing "an outstanding job."... Jim Mangan, the young catcher who jumped the Giants and was suspended indefintely, is a 70's shooter in golf and may give up baseball to become a links pro...Unless the Cleveland Indians take over San Diego as their No. 1 farm next season, Ralph Kiner will be fired as the Padre's general manager...Phil Rizzuto, recently released by the Yankees after 16 years at shortstop,got a "name-your-own terms" contract from a Puerto Rican team...Orioles' pitcher Mike Fornieles heaved two bats during a night game with Cleveland, but he wasn't fined; instead he was cheered. The bats he heaved were live ones...Luis Angel Firpo, the one-time Argentine heavyweight, is now worth $6,000,000...Joe Louis entered a Chicago hospital for another cardiograph before undergoing surgery this month...Rocky Marciano revealed that his ruptured disc and arthritic arm are the real reason for his retirement, unless these conditions improve--which is hardly likely at his age--Rocky is 100-1 to stay retired...Forbes Carlile, Australia's most controversial coach, hypnotized John Ford, swimmer, who created a record--1 minute 17 seconds--for the 110-yard breaststroke. Carlile hypnized Ford before the race, telling him he would not get tired and that the farther he went the faster he would get...Ted Allsop, 32, of Australia, broke the world two-hour walking record on the Olympic Park track. He covered 16 miles, 401 yards and two inches...Marlene Stewart, 22, Canada's 5-foot-1-inch champion, won the women's U. S. amateur golf championship...Another golfer, Mrs. Mildred (Babe) Didrikson Zaharias, 42, the greatest woman athlete of the century, died in her sleep at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, Texas. She had been fighting cancer for three years.

MARGINALIA

Naval Capt. Alfredo Viola, an Italian marine expert, said the Andrea Doria could be brought to the surface in a reasonably short time at a cost of one billion lire ($1,600,000)...Sam Rayburn, 74-year-old Speaker of the House, has been baptized into the Tioga (Texas) Primitive Baptist Church. The Texas Democrat had never been affiliated with any church...A while back film actor James Dean died in an auto crash. His fans either refuse to believe he died, raving he is immortal, or trying to communicate with his spirit, continue to send him more fan mail than any Hollywood star, about 8,000 letters a month...Rep. Thomas J. Lane of Boston did four months in prison for tax evasion and came out in time to campaign for renomination... Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey, who gained world-wide fame for his books on human sexual behavior, died of a heart ailment at the age of 62...A $1,000 scholarship fund has been awarded to Autherine Lucy, Negro coed, who was expelled from the University of Alabama last February following protests against her enrollment...Senator John F. Kennedy, Democrat of Mass., arrived by plane from Paris and hurried to the bedside of his wife, Jacqueline, who lost their first child...Four American soldiers were sentenced to life imprisonment and three others to forty years each for assaulting a 15-year-old German girl. The seven were convicted by a U. S. Army court-martial in Bamberg, West Germany...Ezio Pinza, 64, the former star of "South Pacific" and other musicals, suffered a heart attack while in Ravenna, Italy...The Madison (Florida) County Board of County Commissioners has asked that its health officer, Dr.Deborah Coggins, a white physician be dismissed. The action was an aftermath of her having lunched with a Negro woman nurse in a restaurant...The will of Mrs. Harry Keller, of Hot Springs, Ark., provides $350 a month for her five Pekingese dogs...The women of Tunis,

where a man could have more than one wife and give all the orders besides, were granted equal rights...James A. Farley, former Postmaster General, was hit in the right eye by a flying scorecard at the Democratic convention, necessitating an emergency operation "for the correction of a detached retina."...Vincent Astor is planning a $75,000,000 forty-six-story skyscraper in Manhattan. There will be a helicopter landing area on the roof, a garden sunk below street level, restaurants, a bank, and a sub-basement garage for 400 cars...A jet ace of the Korean War has flown the Bell X-2 rocket plane to a new altitude record for manned flight. The Air Force pilot, Capt. Ivan C. Kincheloe, is understood to have exceeded the old record of 90,000 feet--more than seventeen miles--by a substantial margin...Homer Stille Cummings, U. S. Attorney General during President Roosevelt's Administration, died of a heart attack at 86...The world's longest bridge--it takes nearly two gallons of gas to cross it--opened to traffic in New Orleans. To build the twenty-four-mile steel and concrete roadway across Lake Pontchartrain cost $46,000,000...Despite a heavy guard, thirty convicts fled from Kilby Prison, Montgomery, Ala.,in a bold dash that ended in death for two prisoners. The other convicts were recaptured...The National Humane Society estimated that 10,000 puppies and kittens are born hourly in the U. S.--too many to be taken care of properly...Police Chief William H. Parker of Los Angeles predicted that personal contact between officers and motorists will be eliminated in the future, with closed-circuit television spotting and photographing traffice violations. The photograph would be mailed to the offender and the traffic court...Ignorant of the Indian law which considers kissing in public "an obscene act," a young American couple was arrested for "breaking the law." They were fined 200 rupees ($41)...The Russians say they have a vacuum cleaner that not only cleans but "waters the flowers, airs the rooms and paints the walls."...The Metropolitan Opera House is

charging the highest prices ever for its opening night performance (Oct. 29)--$35 for an orchestra seat...President Eisenhower ordered to suspend plans for the auction sale of Ellis Island. This action was taken to provide time for study what to do with the island gateway through which more than 15,000,000 immigrants have entered the U. S. since 1890...Gloria Vanderbilt, the poor little rich girl, selected the rich little poor boy, Sidney Lumet, writer-director, as her third husband...A scroll in behalf of the American Medical Association was presented to inventor Charles F. Kettering at a celebration of his eightieth birthday. The citation was in recognition of his contribution to science...The Army adopted an official song, "The Army Goes Rolling Along." The song borrows the tune of "The Caissons Go Rolling Along."... Each Thursday for twelve weeks, Philip Manzi, 26, called the "Teddy Bear Bandit," because of the furry texture of his jacket, held up a different branch of a New York City finance company. On the thirteenth Thursday he entered the Brooklyn branch of the company, to be confronted by two detectives who shot him when he tried to escape...More than 100,000 non-whites have been ordered to leave their Johannesburg homes in a new application of South Africa's segregation laws. They must move out to make room for whites by August 3 next year...Eucrates 1, the robot which can forget, go into panics, sulk, go haywire, and learn from experience--has almost human qualities--was developed for research purposes in Britain...Counsel for Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard of Cleveland asked the Supreme Court to review the osteopath's murder conviction. They said the conviction had resulted from a "trial by newspapers." Sheppard, 32, was found guilty of slaying his wife...Russia is building a 50,000-ton atom-powered whaling vessel. It will be twice the size of the world's biggest whaler now afloat...A tip to the Narcotics Squad had led to the arrest of ten men in The Bronx, N. Y., and uncovering of a ring that police said grossed $100,000 a year in illegal

drug sales...Several children were killed last June in a Brooklyn excavation cave-in. Mrs. Helen Bykove is suing the city for $300,000, contending her 9-year-old son who survived the tragedy suffers nightmares...A solar stove was demonstrated on the Fordham University, N. Y., campus for seventy-two Catholic missionaries who are going to foreign countries where fuel is scarce...An edible mushroom measuring twenty-four inches across and weighing more than eleven pounds was found in Limoges, France...Since August 20, Patrolman Rocco Saldutti has spent all his off hours searching for his 15-year-old daughter, Marie, who left home apparently in search for adventure... A religious crusade against traffic fatalities is being held in Greenwich, Conn., churches for five Sundays, which began September 30...High radio-activity, caused by atomic weapon tests, has been detected in the milk of cows in southwest Germany...The world's oldest gorilla in captivity, the 400-pound Bamboo, celebrated his thirtieth birthday at the Philadelphia Zoo. The burly, white-haired anthropoid weighed eleven pounds in 1927... Space physicists are convinced that at least thirty and perhaps a hundred artificial moons will be launched before the first manned rockets voyage into space...Sandra Jane Hayden, 16-year-old actress and daughter of Jan Clayton, the mother in the "Lassie" TV series, was killed when she crashed her mother's Cadillac into another car...As John Kuhel, American manager of the local branch office of the Chase Manhattan Bank in Germany, was about to be shot by a robber who had abducted him, his wife and 14-year-old son, as part of a bank-robbery plot, the youngster drew a .22-caliber pistol which he had surreptitiously picked up and killed the would-be bank robber with one shot...Federal agents arrested Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bechtel for belonging to a $375,000 West Coast counterfeit ring...Fred Safier, 12, of Berkeley, Calif., entered Harvard last month to study physics and mathematics.

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

After this issue "Touch--and Go" takes its usual vacation and the next number will be coming your way in October. Our new editor, Sam Chermak, can no longer be called "new" since he will be starting his second year on the job in the fall. We at the Foundation give him our thanks for his help this last year, and many of our readers have expressed appreciation also. Congratulations, Sam, on work well done!

Summer is coming fast and with it a chance to speak on a panel discussion at the American Association of Workers for the Blind at Los Angeles. There will be four members on the panel and an hour in all is being allotted to the subject concerning Deaf-Blindness. Although I, who can talk for two or three days at a time on this topic, could easily monopolize the whole hour myself, I appreciate the opportunity to discuss in a quarter of that time "The National Picture of Services for the Deaf-Blind People." Let us hope that I can select those facts which will arouse interest and exert the greatest influence. It has been a long time since the subject has been brought before the convention as a whole and it is encouraging to find it on this year's program.

June is the time when we review the work done in the year gone by and make plans for the months ahead. We have to spend our remaining funds with care, hoping that they will last until July 1st, the beginning of our fiscal year. Plans that have been arranged so far for next fall are trips to Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and later Florida. Other assignments will develop as time goes on.

In one of the latest movies, "Carousel," which reproduces the Broadway smash-hit of about ten years ago, there are a number of beautiful songs, among which is "June Is Bustin' Out All Over." This sparkling song can

brighten the darkest mood! The lyrics mix humor with philosophy and are set to music which reflects the exhilaration and youthful confidence of the words themselves. The introductory verses seem particularly appropriate this year when the weatherman has been so temperamental.

"March went out like a lion, awhippin' up the waters in the bay,
Then April cried and stepped outside and along come pretty little May!
May was full of promises, but she didn't keep 'em quick enough for some,
And a lot of doubtin' Thomases was predictin' that the summer'd never come!

"But it's comin', by gum, you can feel it come,
You can feel it in your hearts, you can see it in the ground,
You can hear it in the trees, you can smell it in the breeze.....!

"June is bustin' out all over,
All over the meadow and the hill, buds are bustin' out of bushes and the
rockin' river pushes every little wheel that wheels beside a mill!
June .... June .... June .... all because it's June!"

The lines go on to say that June sings a lovesong and describes the reaction of flowers, birds, sheep, fish, and human beings to the intense spirit in the air. Each chorus ends in the same way: "June .... June .... June .... All because it's June!"

May the weeks ahead bring you a real vacation--free from work and worry and may they also bring you happiness and warmth of summer sunshine!

Annette B. Dinsmore

THE BUZZARD AT A KALE FIELD

by

Percy Hoskins

He was once a Liverpool choirboy who ran away to sea. In recent years he has done more than any other man to maintain the sequence of almost uninterrupted triumphs by Scotland Yard.

Recordholder of successful murder investigations at present is Detective Chief Supt. John Capstick. And this is the story of his toughest assignment.

He was sent to Carmarthenshire--perhaps the proudest county in all Wales--to solve a double murder mystery that had incensed the local folk more than anything in living memory. This was the brutal, premeditated hammer-killing of John and Phoebe Harries of Delwyn on a lonely farm near Carmarthen.

They were missing from the night of Oct. 16, 1953. On-the-spot inquiries revealed no trace or clue of this respected and thrifty old couple. Grey-haired, astute John Capstick and Bill Heddon, his assistant detective inspector, made their first tour of the valleys of suspicion on a drizzly November morning.

They found themselves in an area where many people--loyalists, but distrustful of government by Whitehall--regard every English Official with a mixture of distrust and contempt. Therefore John Capstick had a double task in the hardest of all pursuits.

He had to find the killer and, conscious that his actions and methods were open to the sharpest scrutiny, he had to live the part of the perfect Scotland Yard detective. He succeeded.

Women dabbed their eyes the night he walked down the seven steps of Carmarthen's assize court with Ronald Harries, the double killer and

covetous planner, convicted of murder. It was the first conviction for murder in that court for 65 years. That night they dubbed the detective "Capstick, Whitehall," the finest compliment they could pay this burly, bowler-hatted policeman.

With the title they had accepted him. It was really an accolade for all Whitehall. The manner in which Capstick gained their trust is one of the greatest inside stories from that storehouse of secrets--Scotland Yard.

First he drew on his vast experience of murder. Second--and this with Capstick was an automatic reflex action--he set the wheels of routine investigation in accelerated motion. Statements were read through; people were questioned time and again on the smallest thing that Capstick knew instinctively did not fit into the jigsaw of his theories.

He had proved the value of methodical slogging in taking 46,235 fingerprints of the inhabitants of Blackburn to solve the June Devaney murder in 1947. (Fingerprint 46,235 was that of the murderer.)

In the case of John and Phoebe Harries, after Capstick had examined all the statements, the finger of suspicion pointed bayonet-sharp at young Ronald Harries, nephew of the dead couple. Ronald was a farmer's son, and an ambitious one. So, to the people of Derlwyn, Capstick said: "Make me a farmer. Tell me the things a young and penniless farmer would seek." And they told him--in this part of the country, cattle.

Ronald Harries had transferred his "uncle's" cattle to Cadno Farm, his father's land at Pendine.

Cadno Farm, the "farm of the fox" as it means in English, is deep in the wild heart of Carmarthen countryside. So Capstick said: "Make me a countryman. Tell me about the game and the wildlife." And they told him: "The buzzards live on dead things. Maybe they will give you a clue."

Supt. Capstick watched the cruel-beaked buzzard, hungry with the

approach of winter, that perched on the telephone wires above Cadno Farm, its head turned north toward a field of kale.

By the time the order was given to search the kale field, Capstick knew these damning facts: Harries had tried to forge a check written by his "uncle" altering a nine to "909." He had been on the road near Pendine in his car after he said he had "gone to bed."

How did Capstick know this last fact? He had hung a dripping tin of phosphorous paint from the back axle of Harries' car to find out his destination. And Capstick knew, too, that Harries had lied about a holiday in London for the old folk; that Harries on that same day had taken the coveted cattle to Cadno. Moreover, Harries was already playing up to another woman of means in the neighborhood. What his intentions were one can only surmise.

All this from the Capstick routine. Now it only remained for the plan to pay off. The countrywide search was ordered into Cadno Farm. It was exactly one month after the disappearance. A sharp-eyed sergeant of police noticed a withered patch of kale...poked a stick down...touched one of the bodies. Minutes later John Capstick was watching as the spades opened a rude grave to give him the moment of his greatest triumph.

No one in Carmarthen will quarrel with the name that Capstick has been given by London's crooks whom he has fought for close on 25 years. They call him Charlie Artful.

And above his desk in the murder squad room at the Yard, after the execution of Ronald Harries on April 28, 1954, they fixed a wooden plaque with the carved advice: "Softly, softly, catchee monkey."

--From the New York World-Telegram

BETSIE BARKS

Hello! How are you? I am sad.

I had a little baseball mitt and now it is gone! I have other toys in my bucket, but the baseball mitt isn't there. I look and look and it isn't anywhere. I will tell you about it.

My baseball mitt was rubber and it had a wonderful squeak. The Boss said it looked just like the big mitts that catchers wear. I could throw it in the air or pounce on it or roll on it and it would squeak every time. I would squeak it for company and they always laughed. I would leave it in different places so the Boss had to step on it and make it squeak. I would take it to bed at night.

Then one day I chewed a hole in the mitt and there was no more squeak. The Boss said I had spoiled it and took it away.

I wish I had not chewed that hole in my baseball mitt! The Boss says it's too late now, but I am sorry.

Did you ever chew a hole in something and did you wish you hadn't? Wishes don't help much!

I think I'll go out in the yard now and bark at the man next door. He will come out and pet my head and maybe he will give me a cracker.

I hope you have a happy summer.

Thank you and goodbye.

Betsie Dinsmore

NEWS CAPSULES

Dr. Davis Stern, 69, who attended New York University Medical School for a time in 1907, has been practicing medicine in Minnesota since 1919. For eight years he was a surgeon employed by the state. In that time he performed more than 7,000 operations at the St. Cloud Reformatory, Stillwater Prison and various state mental institutions. He later was in charge of the venereal disease division for the State Board of Health Laboratory. But now Stern is turning over all his medical instruments to the Minneapolis General Hospital to avoid a one-year jail sentence. Seems Stern isn't a doctor and never was.

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For eight days Robert Curgenven, 11, of Mansfield, Conn., fired rifle shots at tin cans and birds so he would have enough skill to kill his parents and brother. A few days later Robert had trouble with his family: His father spanked him for refusing to put out the light in his bedroom; his mother hit him for a minor misdeed; his brother beat him for using his skates without permission. The next morning he loaded the rifle, walked into the barn and shot his brother, 14, while he was milking. When he saw his mother, 41, looking out the window, with bull's-eye accuracy, he shot her. Hearing shots, his father, 42, came running out of the house and fell as Richard scored another bull's eye.

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In 1949, when Mr. William Kiriluk, 55, came home drunk, and beat his wife, Mrs. Caroline Kiriluk, 55, she shot and killed him. His death was ruled "justified homicide." Mrs. Kiriluk feeling that liquor was the cause of the tragedy, instituted legal action against the tavern where her husband allegedly bought the drinks. Her suit was filed under the Illinois dram shop law. This makes taverns liable for damages or loss of support resulting

from the actions of intoxicated customers. This week a jury found the tavern owners indirectly responsible for Mr. Kiriluk's death and awarded Mrs. Kiriluk $10,000.

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The people of Irvington, N. J., are as divided over Michael Monahan's new life as their state Supreme Court was three years ago over his old one when, in a 4-3 decision, they sentenced him to an indefinite term to the state reformatory instead of to the electric chair. Before Michael was fifteen, he committed 150 robberies and two murders, but because of his tender age, the state Supreme Court spared his life. Now, Capt. Edward Durning of the Irvington Police Department, believing that the boy can be fully rehabilitated under wholesome living conditions, obtained complete custody of Michael and sent him to live on a Texas ranch to start life afresh. While Capt. Durning and many citizens believe in the rehabilitation of juvenile delinquents, others feel that such leniency only encourages crime.

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India found that twenty-seven years of legal action had not eliminated child marriage and that the fight against a social evil denounced by the country's leaders for decades must still go on. May 5, the astrologers told the people of the city of Jodpur, was a particularly auspicious day for marriages. Almost 20,000 couples were wed that day, and more than 6,000 of the marriages involved boys 5 to 16 years old and girls 4 to 14. In some villages, brides and bridegrooms were babies in arms. Their parents were fulfilling betrothal pledges made before the children were born. The baby brides live with their own parents until they are old enough for the marriage to be consummated.

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Leonard Ross, a brown-haired, 4-foot-4-inch tall, ten year old, of Tujunga, Calif., won $100,000 on a TV quiz show. To win the coveted grand prize, he had to define Regulation T and Regulation U as Federal credit regulations on security purchases, the first applying to brokers and dealers and the second to banks. He also had to list two companies that made a four-for-one stock split last year as the United States Pipe and Foundry Company and the Western Telegraph, and one that made a five-for-one split as the Reynolds Metals Company. Editorials, instead of lauding the youngster's precocity, castigated the parents for making a "thinking machine" of their child and exposing him to a nerve-shattering ordeal of seven TV performances.

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That all terrestrial creatures evolved from marine life, is a theory that scientists have long accepted--but never completely proved. Last month, off the coast of Madagascar, a fisherman caught a female Coelacanth--"a fish with arms"--believed to be a member of a prehistoric species that existed 300,000,000 years ago. This rare specimen is a black,scaly fish, measuring six feet six inches in length, has four large fins, two of them unmistakably resembling human arms. From it scientists hope to learn the relationship--if any--between man and his watery ancestors. Until 1938, when one was netted by chance off the Cape of Good Hope, scientists believed that the species had died about 50,000,000 years ago.

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On Jan. 16 of this year Ed Blair, of Atlanta, Ga., was critically wounded by a bullet, fired from a .22 caliber rifle at close range, which went through is body piercing his liver. At the hospital doctors could do little more than alleviate his pain, expecting him to die shortly. But he was determined to remain alive until Feb. 4, the date of his daughter's wedding. He did, and as soon as the wedding was over, miraculously--scientifically unexplicable--Ed Blair was fully recovered!

TRIVIA

GETAWAY DAY - In Houston, Texas, Mrs. Sammie Lee Hicks described her husband for the missing persons bureau: "He has a flat forehead and a large nose and a mouth. All in all, he looks like a horse."

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WRONG CALIBER SHOTS - Earl Sizemore of Charleston, W. Va., plunked down a tooth before Acting Judge Duffy Horan and said: "The officers might have thought I was drunk, but I just came from the dentist's chair where I had been given four shots of novacaine. They made me groggy." Horan replied: "I assure you that novacaine has no odor like bay rum. Fifteen days."

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STUDENT COUNSEL - In Pasadena City College Edward Mulrooney was arrested after he tossed a bomb at his psychology teacher's house, damaged the front porch, left a note: "If you don't want your home bombed or your windows shot out, then grade fairly and put your assignments on the board--or is this asking too much!"

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DO-IT-YOURSELF MIXES PAINT - The fire hydrants in Corning, N. Y., are painted red, yellow or green to indicate varying water pressure. So imagine the surprise of Philip Grannan, public works superintendent, when he spotted one decorated in delicate shades of gray and pink. As he dispatched a paint crew to the scene, Mr. Grannan reported: "Little old lady who lives nearby said she thought dull red was too drab, so she painted it."

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BOTTOMS UP, TOM - Tom Collins, 30, of Kalamazoo, Mich., drew a suspended sentence when arraigned on a drunken driving charge.

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BRIDGE OF SIGHS - In Fairview, N. J., Bartender Albert Sotta rushed moaning into police headquarters, gestured wildly for the desk lieutenant to hand him a pencil, rapidly scribbled a note: "Help me--my tongue is caught in my false teeth.

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LOCO-MOTIVES - Leslie Biffle, who was Secretary of the Senate at the time, once told Barkley of the recurrent dream he had--that a locomotive was chasing him. "It's awful," said Biffle. Barkley was unsympathetic. "I had a worse dream," he said. "I dreamed there was a beautiful girl chasing me. It was awful--because I almost got away from her."

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SURPRISED?--WELL, WHO WOULDN'T BE? - You could have knocked Mrs. Ellen Kenny of Los Angeles over with a feather when she won the Cadillac in a church drawing. "Surprised? Why I'd never won anything before," she said. Now she is speechless. She just won a Buick at another drawing at the same church.

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FEATURE LENGTH - In Fresno, Calif., Charles R. Fleege, 22, had to reschedule his wedding after he was sentenced to five days in jail for knocking out his fiancee during an argument about whether to go to a local movie.

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JUST DOG-GONE TIRED - A holdupman in Grand Junction, Colo., not only robbed Gerald Wert, liquor store clerk, of $341, but made him lie on the floor--right beside the store's watchdog, sound asleep.

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ERR MAIL - Postmaster Hugh Cooper of Albuquerque, N. M., says some people at the post office "have been throwing letters away." Janitors discovered many letters in new trash receptacles, evidently mistaken for letter drops.

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SPORTS SHOTS

With June penant pressure rising, three games separate the top five teams in the National League, Milw., St.L., Pitts., Cinc., Bklyn., with the remaining three teams, N. Y., Phila. and Chic., from $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 games behind. In the American League the story is a familiar one: N. Y. has $4-\frac{1}{2}$-game lead over Cleve, $6\frac{1}{2}$ over Boston, 7 over Chic.; while the second division, Balt., Det., K. C. and Wash., is from 8 to $10\frac{1}{2}$ games in back...The American League leading batters are: Mantle, N. Y., .424; Maxwell, Det.,.361; Berra, N. Y., .353; Vernon, Bost., .342; Courtney, Wash., .333. The National League leaders are: Long, Pitts., .419; Repulski, St. L., .391; Bruton, Milw., .363; Walls, Pitts., .356; Boyer, St. L., .353...In the all-important R.B.I. department, in the American League, Mantle, N. Y., has 43; Berra, N. Y., 34; Sievers, Wash., 32; Simpson, K. C., 29; Lopez, K. C., 28. The National League tops are: Long, Pitts., 36; Boyer, St. L., 35; Musial, St. L., 33; Jablonski, Cinc., 27; Moon, St. L., 23...Leading homer hitters, in the American League, are: Mantle, N. Y., 17; Berra, N. Y., 12; Sievers, Wash., 11; Bauer, N. Y., 9; Gernert, Bost., 9. The National League home-run leaders are: Long, Pitts., 13; Post, Cinc., 11; Banks, Chic., 10; Boyer, St. L., 10 ; Kluszewski, Cinc., 9...A sports writer wryly suggested that the Tigers change their name to Wolves, because Porter, a Tiger catcher, was hailed into court on a paternity charge by a young night-club singer.

MARGINALIA

Sing Kee, 57-year-old millionaire restaurateur and winner of the Distinguished Service Cross in World War I, was indicted on charges of conspiring to smuggle Chinese into the United States...British author-actor Noel Coward bought a villa in Hamilton, Bermuda, which is said to be haunted by the spirit of a lovely young French girl kept against her will in the villa...Entertainer Danny Kaye was decorated by the French Government for his service to the UN Children's Fund...Al Hibbler, the blind recording star, said he has never read his name on a marquee, "because the electric light bulbs are too hot to touch."...Communist China has decided to scrap the ancient Chinese character language of 250,000 ideographs--dating back thousands of years--for an easy-to-learn, English-style alphabet of 30 letters...Don Black, 38, one-time pitcher for the Cleveland Indians, and his wife were sentenced to 30 days in the workhouse for neglecting their children. The Blacks were found in a drunken stupor when their two daughters, aged 14 and 15, were picked up by police for vagrancy...Pope Pius approved the practice of transplanting corneas from the eyes of dead persons to the sightless...A flaming RCAF jet fighter crashed into a million-dollar convent near Ottawa, Canada, killing 15 nuns, one priest, a cook and the pilot and copilot of the ill-fated plane...Threatened with mutilation and death, a 10-year-old girl stole $1,000 from her aunt's cash box and gave it to an extortionist--an 11-year-old girl who was arrested by Newark, N. J., police... Several drums of metal used to insulate atomic reactor fuels exploded at an atomic energy plant in Oak Ridge, Tenn. One worker was fatally injured and two others were seriously hurt...Comedienne Martha Raye--39 and five times married--was sued for $50,000 for alienating the affections of a Westport, Conn., patrolman 12 years her junior--whom she met when he took a side job as

her bodyguard...Ivison, Austin, a 5-year-old boy, of Rockaway Beach, N. Y., was found dead in an old refrigerator on the porch of an unoccupied summer home diagonally across the street from his home. Apparently he playingly climbed in and was hopelessly trapped when the door snapped shut...New York experienced an unusual traffic jam; Emily, a 3,000-pound elephant dropped dead of a heart attack during a circus parade...New steps toward a vaccine to prevent deadly botulism--food poisoning--were reported to the Society of American Bacteriologists...Romano Mussolini, the pianist son of the late Duce, is trying to bring his jazz band to the United States next fall... Army Quartermaster officers told the House Appropriations Committee that the Army has "under study" proposals to outfit all troops in green berets... Three employes of E. R. Squibb were arrested for the systematic theft of $500,000 worth of drugs. Also six druggists were held as receivers of the stolen drugs...Mayor Jessie L. Webb of Baton Rouge, La., and two other men were killed when their private plane crashed and burned...Louis Calhern, 61, distinguished star of Broadway and Hollywood, died of a heart attack while on location in Japan...Judge Joseph Sabath, who won national recognition for the estimated 70,000 divorces he granted during his 42 years as a jurist, died at the age of 86...The Army announced the development of a vaccine against respiratory diseases such as grippe, catarrhal fever, virus pneumonia, sore throat and severe colds...Homer Rivera, a 24-year-old cook from Manhattan, arrested for possessing heroin, admitted to police that he had supplied about 35 dope pushers with $25,000 worth of heroin weekly. At the time of his arrest he had about 41 ounces of heroin...Amateur radio operators in the Soviet Union have begun to contact with "hams" in the United States for the first time in six years...Walter P. Reuther said that unemployment in the automobile and farm implement industries has reached "alarming" proportions...The most confusing and the biggest wedding ceremony within

memory of Blenheim, Ontario, took place when six of farmer Leo Dorssers' 15 children were married to six fellow Dutch immigrants...Rev. Amilcare Calofi, a 42-year-old Italian priest,was sentenced to eight years in prison for causing the death of his 20-year-old inamorata by giving her an injection to abort motherhood...After rescuing her two small sons from her flaming home, Mrs. Margie McIntyre, 21, tried to save two infant daughters but all three perished...A male buffalo at the Bronx Zoo charged and fatally gored his mate as several hundred horrified spectators watched. The two American bison were the last remaining pair of a herd housed at the zoo for many years...Rep. James Roosevelt, eldest son of FDR, will marry his secretary, Mrs. Anita Owen of Detroit, when his divorce from Romelle Roosevelt becomes final... John McKiernan, 15, of Chicago, fatally stabbed his mother when she refused to give him the keys to the family's car...Albert Longmire, 10, an altar boy, died of burns suffered when his cassock caught fire while he was lighting candles in the sacristy, adjacent to the altar...Actor Johhny Weissmuller, 52, former movie Tarzen, was jailed on a drunken driving charge after being involved in a traffic accident...Reprimanded for failing to turn in a written assignment, 15-year-old Billy Ray Prevatte, of Maryland, blasted a junior high school with rifle fire killing one teacher and wounding two others...Frank (Mickey) Spillane, 38 year old writer of detective stories, was seriously injured when his Jaguar car skidded and overturned...Edward Arnold, actor whose career spanned fifty-one years on the stage, in films, on radio and TV, died at the age of 66...Red Sue, Malaya's most-feared woman Communist terrorist, was ambushed and killed by Malay soldiers...J. Ernest Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of Labor, the highest ranking Negro official in the Administration, was named the first Negro to head the Judicial Council of the Methodist Church...Bus lines ended segregation in at least thirteen cities, including Montgomery, Alabama...

New York's $35,000,000 Coliseum, "the latest wonder of the modern world," was officially opened, with an auto show as its first exhibit...Mrs. Andrea Kaufman, of Hastings-On-Hudson, New York, despondent after a cancer operation, committed suicide by inhaling carbon monoxide fumes from her car in her basement garage. Some of the fumes reached the bedrooms, killing her sleeping husband and mother...John Gilbert Graham, 24, of Denver, condemned to death for the slaying of his mother and forty-three others in the time-bombing of an airliner, did not want to appeal the verdict; he preferred death...Murray Chotiner, a Los Angeles attorney who was Vice President Richard M. Nixon's campaign manager in 1952, became involved in a Senate investigation on alleged payoffs and other frauds attending the procurement of uniforms for the armed forces...Walter F. Tellier, a Jersey City, N. J., stockbroker, was indicted on charges of defrauding thousands of clients in a $15,000,000 uranium stock swindle...Notorious Frank Costello, despite his political influence, will have to serve his sentence of a five-year prison term and a $20,000 fine for income tax evasion. His offer for voluntary exile was rejected...The salaries of the highest paid members of the Soviet professional and administrative class have been drastically cut by as much as 50 per cent by the Government...The Bamberger department store of Newark, N. J., is planning to install four closed-circuit television cameras. With these electronic eyes scanning the entire store, they hope to spot the most artful shoplifters...An 11-year-old boy (name withheld) deliberately caused the death of 9-year-old Ronald Massenberg by pushing him into the Harlem River, N. Y., for "kicks." ...Judge Guiseppe Manfredi of Turin, Italy, committed suicide. Beside his body was found a note saying, "I am afraid I have convicted an innocent man."...Burglars broke into Municipal Court in Belleflower, Calif., and stole a 150-pound safe. It contained $662 in cash, $450 in checks, two revolvers, a pair of brass knuckles and a set of keys to the city jail.

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

During the past six months Betsie and I have been "on the road" less than usual because much of the activity in Services for the Deaf-Blind has been centered in New York. In April, however, we had a chance to visit the new department for deaf-blind children at the Alabama Institute in Talladega. It is the only department of its kind now south of the Mason-Dixon line and the teacher in charge, who taught with me years ago in Florida, is one of the most skillful I have ever known. For this reason I had high hopes for the success of the new venture and the visit showed that these hopes were well founded.

Here were six children learning for the first time that things around them have names, that there is some meaning in the spoken word of others and that they, too, can pronounce words as they are taught the various sounds. It was a thrill to watch them beginning to solve simple problems in the exercises given them and to realize the progress they had made in a few months. The picture was a striking contrast to my memory of the same children seen in their homes over a year ago.

On the way down Betsie and I had one near adventure. We landed in Birmingham just in time to escape a tornado which was reported in that area. Since a tornado moves in a zigzag path our plane might not have been affected by it, but I am glad we did not have the chance to find out! Betsie must have sensed the disturbance in the air, however, because she refused her dinner and ordinarily she has an unlimited appetite.

On the return trip we stopped at Council Bluffs to visit the Deaf-Blind Division of the Iowa School for the Deaf, and renewed associations of long standing. The sixteen children in that department are more widely

separated in levels of development than those in Alabama since some have been in school much longer than others. But each is making progress and we observed the excellent work there with the sense of satisfaction we always experience in that school.

Our next stop was in Cincinnati, Ohio, to attend the Founders' Day dinner meeting of the Cincinnati Association for the Blind. This was a special occasion to honor Miss Rebecca Mack for her many years of service to deaf-blind people. Speeches were made expressing appreciation and Miss Mack was presented with a citation which she accepted graciously and modestly.

I had a chance to talk on my favorite subject, "Capabilities of the Deaf-Blind People," and Almira Carlisle, a deaf-blind woman from Clovernook and a good friend of Miss Mack's, gave an outstanding demonstration of speech and communication methods. At the end, to climax the theme of the evening, a film on deaf-blind workers was to have been shown. When the picture came on, however, it was the wrong one on an entirely different subject! But this did not dampen the spirit of the group. They took the unfortunate mistake as a joke and placed the blame on the Western Union Company.

Now we are back in the office and Betsie is snoring under the desk. It seems as if we had been away for months and yet as if we had not left! The work goes on and on but it is good to be busy and it is good to be home again.

Annette B. Dinsmore

YOU AND YOUR DOG

by

Arthur Trayford, D.V.M.

Part III

The male of any breed is naturally a wanderer; yet those who have strong family attachments stay near home. Others who are literally bums disappear for days at a time, willing to lie in the sun on the back porch of anyone who will give them a handout.

In any breed of dog some will be particularly attached to, others will take advantage of, the individual who feeds them. And among dogs, as among men, there are the social and the antisocial, the stupid and the smart, the good fellows and the bad. This being so, it is not possible to give specific answers to such questions as "What breed of dog is safest in a family where there are children?" or "Which breed adapts best to life in a city apartment?"

Generally speaking, it is wise, especially where there are children, to bypass the dog who acknowledges only one master. Otherwise, it is like having a timebomb around. You dare not move for fear the mechanism will be disturbed.

Popular breeds that have been inbred present problems. When they are extremely inbred, with all sense of biology lost in the process, they become neurotic, hysterical, and unable to bear being touched. They are what we call "screamers." Congenital defects also show up: hair lips, cleft palates, hips that dislocate. Inbred dogs can also have congenital knee-joint deformities.

The longevity of a pet often influences a family's choice. Theoretically, the smaller the dog, the longer his life will be. In a large dog the metabolic rate is higher. He lives at a more rapid pace, wears out sooner. For

example, the average age of the Great Dane is six years, whereas some Chihuahuas live to fifteen or sixteen years old. Certain breeds are more complacent, and, over a long period of time, have established better behavior-patterns than others. The dachshund makes a fine pet. He has a great amount of character, gets along well with everyone, and is also content to be alone. The beagle, one of the hound group, is of a friendly, though somewhat detached and impersonal, nature. The standard poodle is an intelligent dog, trains readily, is a fine retriever, and quickly grasps what you tell him.

There is no wolf, by the way, in the ancestry of the German shepherd, misnamed the "police dog." The only breeds with wolf in them are in the Arctic. They are crossbred for strength and virility and for the wolf's ability to go long periods without food.

The Airedale is a very satisfactory dog, docile and dependable. So is the springer spaniel. The fact that neither of these breeds is currently "chic" makes them good dogs, since there is not the urge to breed and, inevitably, inbreed them.

In buying a dog of any breed, however, the primary rule is always buy a puppy. And be sure it is a puppy with a glossy coat, bright eyes, and an air of animation. Above all, buy the puppy that comes up and wags his tail. As for the fellow that goes off in a corner and whimpers--leave him there. He wants to be alone. He will always want to be alone. Also leave behind you the pooch that won't let you touch him without yammering. It is wise to take your whole family along (especially the children), for the puppy that shows no fear of the whole lot of you will be able to take the inevitable mauling--physical and mental--and will become a happy and healthy member of the family.

When they are sick, dogs instinctively want to get away from human contact. They usually seek out a cold or wet place in which to get well or to die. If I stay with the pack in my weakened condition, they seem to be thinking, the pack will finish me off. They are reverting to the habits of their remote ancestors and to the primitive state from which they came.

At any time, from birth to death, this atavistic reaction is likely to occur--a strong reminder that, although the dog is man's best friend, he is still an animal, and must be considered such if the relationship between dog and man is to be happy and beneficial to both. (The End)

--From Cosmopolitan

ABOUT PISTOLS

By

E. S. Kanner

John Foster Dulles disclosed that he owns a .38 revolver--and that, like many others, he had to obtain police permission to keep it. In only a few states, like Arizona, are pistol permits not required. In New York City there are 23,094 permits now in effect.

Here anyone who wants to carry a gun must be fingerprinted and must state whether he has ever been arrested, confined to a mental institution, is subject to epilepsy or fainting spells or has a heart condition. He must submit three personal references, who in turn are interviewed by police and asked if they consider the applicant a safe risk. He must show he's been taught to handle a pistol either in the armed forces or by a recognized civilian instructor. And he must give a good reason for wanting a gun.

Some reasons offered are not entirely satisfactory. An exterminator in the Bronx, for example, was recently refused a permit. He said he wanted it to shoot rats, but police reasoned that bullets ricocheting about neighborhood cellars might be more of a menace than the rats. "Tough Tony" Anastasia, Brooklyn waterfrontboss, arrived at police headquarters two years ago and said he needed a gun for self-defense. The license division rejected his application because of his record and instead a police guard was assigned to him.

A permit has been issued, on the other hand, for the veterinarian at Aqueduct race track to keep a horse pistol, in case he has to destroy injured horses. And tap dancer Bill Robinson once had a permit for a gold-plated revolver to protect the large amounts of cash he carried with him.

Permits must be renewed every year. And they can be revoked if owners are careless with their weapons--brandishing them during saloon arguments, for example. Last year 121 permits were revoked for one reason or another.

Until 1940 anyone caught with a pistol in his possession without a permit was subject to arrest--even if he had found the pistol and was merely turning it in to the police. Then a city detective inadvertently left his revolver on a bus. A lady passenger picked it up and turned it in to the nearest policeman--who promptly arrested her. She was released, but only after spending the night in jail.

The law was changed soon after that. Under the amendment returning G. I.'s were permitted to turn in their illegal souvenir guns without being arrested for having them in the first place.

--From The New York Times

BETSIE BARKS

Hello! How are you? I'm fine.

The Boss and I visited on a farm last month. There was a big house and sheep and chickens and lots of places to run.

There were two big dogs at the farm, Lassie and Sandy. They were glad to see me and played with me on the grass. They liked me and I liked them. They were not allowed to come into the house, so they would take me up to the door and then step back when I went inside. The Boss said they were very polite and she called them my "escorts."

I couldn't stay outdoors too long at a time because I had to know what the Boss was doing. It is important that I look after her. But I played with Lassie and Sandy a lot and I think the farm is a wonderful place.

It is good to be home, though. I have my own bed and my bucket of toys. We have three yellow flowers in the garden, too, and that means it's really spring. The Boss was surprised to see the flowers. We never had any before. Maybe the garden is happy because we came home and that is why the flowers are there. Anyhow, they are pretty.

I hope all of you have a happy spring.

Thank you and goodbye.

Betsie Dinsmore

NEWS CAPSULES

John W. Rouse was forced to sell his newly acquired home after a demonstration by nearly 500 persons on a quiet, tree-lined avenue in northwest Detroit. Two windows in the modest brick home were broken by rocks before police dispersed the growing crowd. Mr. Rouse, a 70-year-old former watchman insisted that he and all his family--his wife, daughter, and two grandchildren--are white. Mrs. Rouse, also 70, cried, "How do they know we are Negro? They haven't even seen us. We didn't even get here until after dark yesterday. I think there is something very wrong. I could expect something like this in a foreign country."

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Doctors in a Darwin, Australia, hospital are fighting to save the life of a young aborigine who is said to be under a black magic spell of tribal women "singing him to death" at the instigation of his mother-in-law. He is in a critical condition in an iron lung, but the doctors can find nothing organically wrong with him. The aborigine, known as Charlie, is unable to eat or drink and can breathe only in an iron lung. According to reports, Charlie's wife's previous husband died of a mysterious sickness, also attributed to his mother-in-law.

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Medical dissection of the human body for teaching purposes apparently was performed nearly a thousand years earlier than had been believed heretofore. This interpretation was made of a picture of an early fourth century fresco, or plaster painting. The fresco was found by Vatican archaeologists exploring a recently discovered catacomb in Rome. The cavern, 158 by 89 feet, is reported to be remarkable for the number and beauty of the paintings that adorn it. These frescoes depict a wide variety of subjects

from the Old and New Testaments, some are pagan and others are scenes from life in ancient Rome.

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An all-male jury of Wheeling, W. Va., found 14-year-old Tommy Williams guilty of first degree murder in the bludgeon slaying of a Cub Scout. Tommy, who admitted the slaying, showed no emotion over his fate, continued chewing gum and calmly replaced a caster that had fallen from the chair when he rose to hear the verdict. The defense did not deny that Tommy killed David Powel, 9, under the porch of the Williams' home. Tommy said he beat the youth to death to get $15 he thought David was carrying. The verdict means a mandatory life sentence.

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Before and after the turn of the century, Dolly Varden was the undisputed queen of the circus. At the peak of her career she was called the "Goddess of the Tanbark Trail." Admirers the world over bejewelled her with rare and precious gems. The former circus queen died last December at 84, a victim of cancer, leaving a trunk, which,her lawyers claimed, contained jewels valued at well over $100,000. However, a surrogate's court appraiser who examined the "trunkful of jewels" found it to be nothing more than broken costume jewelry and other imitation gems--valued at $5.25. Why Dolly collected worthless trumpery and what happened to the original gems remained a mystery.

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The world's largest department store, Macy's on New York's Herald Square, has a personality built around its claim to undersell anybody, its annual Thanksgiving Day parade and spring flower show, its pack of trained Dobermann-Pinschers used to patrol the store at night and its friendly advertising column feud with Gimbel's, its biggest competitor. Last month Macy's was advertising something new--over-the-counter sales and service

by 1,500 of its executive staff. Speaking of its buyers and vice presidents, Macy's said in its advertisements, "its a long time since some of them worked behind a counter, but they know their stuff." The reason for the staff change was a strike of 8,000 employes.

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It is usually the relatively minor incidents that create good will or hostility between nations. Such an international case is now pending before the Yokohama court. Marienne Wilson, a pretty little six-year-old girl was born in Japan to a Swedish woman whose common-law G. I. husband had returned to the United States. As the woman lay dying, she gave her infant to Japanese friends for legal adoption. It didn't take long for the little, blue-eyed blonde to win the love of all Japan. Now, the Swedish Government demands full custody of the child, claiming she is a legal citizen of Sweden through her mother. Only a King Solomon decision will placate both the Japanese people and the Swedish Government.

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On New York's West 67th Street, emcee Herb Sheldon, before TV cameras, conducted an outdoor "safety auction sale." Among the items sold were a three-room log cabin for 2,910, an air-conditioned doll house for 400, a 14-foot outboard for 1,200 and a Poloroid camera for 920. These figures did not represent dollars, but soap wrappers! Since this unique sale received advance publicity, youngsters with business acumen went buying and begging soap wrappers from housewives, and during the auction set up an impromptu "soap-wrapper exchange," selling wrappers as high as fifty cents each. The purpose of the sale: another TV gimmick to attract viewers.

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TRIVIA

LOVE COOLED IN THIS HOUSE - Mrs. Emma L. Vocate, 32, won a divorce from bus driver Robert L. Vocate, 31. She testified that she was forced to wear a coat in the house to keep the heat bill down and was restricted to using one electric light at a time.

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FINGERS CRIME--LIGHTLY - Postal clerk Kozo Kato, 47, was arrested on a charge of stealing two million yen ($5,525) from the mails in three years. His defense: it is illegal to send money in ordinary letters and he was only erasing crime.

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ADAMANT WIFE HASHES UP LEG OF LAMB - She wanted to drive the car. He said no. She was determined. He braced his body against the front of the car. She drove off. He's in fair condition in Peterson General Hospital with a broken leg. She is Mrs. William Lamb, 181 Martense St., Brooklyn. He is William Lamb, same address but different inclinations.

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IT CAN HAPPEN HERE - Tennessee's Sen. Estes Kefauver tells this one on himself. He'd got home late one night and was leaving early the next morning when he was cornered by his son, David, 10. "Where are you going now?" he asked. "I've got to go out and make a speech on juvenile delinquency," replied Estes, proudly. "Hm," replied David, "If you don't stay home more, you're going to have some of that right in your own house."

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A SOBER EXCUSE - A fellow in Pittsburgh was arrested for setting fire to a bar. He explained to police, "It was the only way I could get my wife out of there."

REEL LOGIC - Actress Debbie Reynolds and her husband singer Eddie Fisher, who are expecting their first child in November, are planning to engage a governess because, they said, "We can't afford a governor."

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IT'S ABOUT TIME - Joseph Chiorazzo, 59, a school custodian, isn't one to jump to conclusions. He walked into the Mount Vernon, N. Y., police station and said his wife had been gone for some time and he'd decided he ought to report her missing. When did she go away? Twenty years ago, he said.

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MYNAH OR MINOR? - A man walked into a bar on Third Avenue, N. Y., with a mynah bird on his shoulder. He ordered two scotches on the rocks. The bartender served only one drink. "Where's the bird's drink?" he demanded. "Sorry," said the bartender, "We're not allowed to serve mynahs."

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JESSE JAMES, HE - Police in Atami, Japan, reported a 25-year-old train robber has promised to go straight when he finishes hospital and jail terms. After robbing passengers, he leaped from the Yamato Special at a tunnel mouth, banged his head against a wall, and in a dazed condition fell into the arms of police. "It's a hard way to make a living," he moaned.

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I WONDER WHO'S KISSING HER NOW? - A man named Kissinger tried to get on Walter Framer's agony program "Strike It Rich," but failed. He tried under a different name but with no better results. Not taking defeat easily, he tried several more times under phony names. As a secretary started to read a familiar-sounding application, said Framer melodiously, "I wonder who's Kissinger now?"

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SPORTS SHOTS

Ted Williams needs six homers to become the fifth player in baseball history to hit 400. Stan Musial has 328 and no one else now active is going to reach the 300 mark this year...Bob Lemon and Warren Spahn have outside chances to reach the 200-victory circle this season: Lemon must win 19 and Spahn 17 to do it. Only Bob Feller (266) and Early Wynn (202) have won more games among active pitchers...In shutouts the active leaders are Feller 46, Spahn 34, Lemon and Wynn 29 and Robin Roberts 27...Williams should reach the 1,500 runs-batted-in club soon, with 1475 already to his credit. No one else is within 100 of him...Ted will make the same milestone in runs scored. He has 1,463, but here Musial is ahead of him with 1,499... Bob Rush is the only one likely to join the 1,000 strikeouts circle this season, starting the season with 869...Pee Wee Reese is the active-player leader in stolen bases, with 213 to Jackie Robinson's 185. Phil Rizzuto is the top American Leaguer with 146...Musial played his 2,000th game the first week of the season and Mickey Vernon his 2,000th five days later. Only Enos Slaughter, who started the season with 2,007, has played that many...Ted Williams leads the active set in grand-slam homers with 14. Gil Hodges has 11 (one short of the N.L. record shared by Rogers Hornsby and Ralph Kiner), while Gus Zernial, Al Rosen and Walker Cooper have nine apiece...If Ted Kluszewski, Ed Mathews and Duke Snider have 40-homer seasons again, it will be the fourth year in a row for each, and that's been managed only by Babe Ruth (seven straight years) and Ralph Kiner (five). In fact, Jimmy Foxx is the only other player who hit 40 even three straight times...Here are some comparisons on "homeruns for age."Mathews and Mickey Mantle, both 24 years old, started the season with 153 and 121 homers. At the age of 24, Mel Ott

hit 176 homers, Williams 127, Foxx 116, Joe DiMaggio 107, Lou Gehrig 85 and Ruth (just making the change to outfield from pitching) 49. And Mathews and Mantle still have all of this season to add to their totals. Hank Aaron is 22 and Al Kaline 21, and they started the year with 40 and 32 homers. At 22 Ott had 115, Williams 54, Foxx 49, DiMaggio 29, Gehrig 22...Bill Klaus, whose shortstopping last season kept the Red Sox in contention through August, opened the season at third base. He'll be on the bench with a utility status after rookie Don Buddin becomes accustomed to being Boston's regular shortstop. Then Frank Malzone, another recruit out of Brooklyn, will start at third; Higgins doesn't want to chance playing two green youngsters side by side on the left side of his infield...Phil Rizzuto admits he was sounded out by the Senators whether he'd care to manage them before Charley Dressen was hired. Phil says he was interested then, and still is..."Paul Richards," says Cardinal General Manager Frank Lane, "is a good manager until he comes up against Casey Stengel. Then he overmanages and Casey beats him every time."...Birdie Tebbetts, who insists his Reds can make it as high as third place, characterizes Johnny Klippstein as the key to the Red's success...Pirates' Joe Brown (the son of the comedian Joe E. Brown), thinks the Giants could be the surprise of the year. "They could surprise by dropping to the cellar. Without Willie Mays, they would be an ordinary ball club. I'm not sure that even with Willie Mays, they couldn't still take a nosedive."...The Sporting News will make an award to the "Player of the Decade," which should go to Joe DiMaggio, who else?...Old-timers are wondering when the Giants and the Red Sox will meet in a World Series again. The last time they met was in 1912, and then it went eight games. Boston won when Fred Snodgrass, in centerfield, dropped a routine fly ball. They still call it the "$30,000 Muff." Who hit the fatal fly? A fellow named Clyde Engle.

MARGINALIA

At the commissioning of the aircraft carrier Saratoga, the largest and most powerful warship in the world, Secretary of the Navy Charles S. Thomas hailed the giant ship as the Navy's "greatest offensive weapon."...Labor columnist Victor Riesel, 41, was blinded when an unknown assailant threw acid in his face as he was leaving a New York restaurant. The attack was believed to have been in retaliation for his vehement campaign against labor gangsterism...A campaign to replace the "Star Spangled Banner" with "America the Beautiful" as the National Anthem was begun by a number of churchmen, headed by Lawrence Giese, who say that "America the Beautiful" is easier to sing and easier to understand...Robert Enroth, 38, who had contended in Bronx Supreme Court that he lost his senses of taste and smell as a result of a head injury was awarded $150,000...Edward Sandello, an associate of Lucky Luciano, was sentenced to a fifteen year prison term for possessing eight ounces of pure heroin...A divorce was granted actress Gloria Holliday, wife of Harold J. Peary, the "Great Gildersleeve" of radio and TV, on grounds that he tried to convert her from a Democrat into a Republican...Marie Dionne, most retiring of the quintuplets, has rented ground-floor space in a Montreal building to run a flower shop named for her sister, Emilie, who died of epilepsy in August, 1954...The Rev. Harold Meland of Jackson, Ky., was sentenced to a 20-year prison term for violating young girls of an institution, Breathhitt County children's home, which he formerly headed...The mysterious death of Stalin's second wife, Nadezhda Alliluyeva, has been subject of rumor and gossip for nearly twenty-five years; now the Communist Party declared that she had been murdered by Stalin because of political differences...A group of white men attacked Nat (King)

Cole, the Negro singer, as he sang to an all-white audience in the Municipal Auditorium of Birmingham, Alabama. This incident created more racial tension...Bandleader Artie Shaw has been divorced by his seventh wife, actress Doris Dowling...Singer Julius La Rosa married Rosemary Meyer, secretary to singing rival, Perry Como...Sam Rayburn, House Speaker, was decorated by the Philippine Government for his role in legislation that gave the Philippines autonomy in 1935 and independence in 1946...The Church of England newspaper said that publication of the Duchess of Windsor's memoirs in Britain would "stir afresh the fire of bitterness and discord" aroused by her husband's abdication. However, Lord Beaverbrook's Sunday Express will serialize the American edition...Richard Wilbanks, 20, billed as the "world's fattest boy" at 742 pounds, died of a heart attack at his home in Spartanburg, S.C...Seventy-nine men and women, users and sellers of narcotics, were arrested in New York City by Narcotic Squad detectives in one raid...A Korean veteran Marine sergeant led seventy-five recruits through marsh and swamp grass in pitch darkness; six lost their lives...An "Atoms for Peace Award" including a medal and cash up to $75,000 has been established by the Ford Motor Co. Fund as a memorial to Henry and Edsel Ford...Samuel James Seymour, believed to be the last witness to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln died at the age of 96...Dr. Gordon Bell, medical director of the Bell Clinic,charged that many sanitariums for alcoholics have killed thousands of their patients through "criminal malpractice...Frank F. Lilly, 56, former head supplies buyer for the Federal Bureau of Narcotics was indicted on twelve charge of issuing fraudulent purchase orders, which netted him over $30,000...James Wesley Perry, a Texas oil executive, was granted a divorce because his wife created "international tension" by wearing shorts to market while they were stationed in

India...Two lovers, 27 and 21, leaped into the crater of Mount Hihara, famous suicide volcano near Tokyo, climbed out severely burned and bruised. How they escaped death remained a mystery...A shoplifting ring of eight girls, ranging in age from 12 to 19, has been broken up police of Norwich, N. Y., reported. They admitted shoplifting 19 stores and carrying large knives for "protection."...The D. P. camp, once a symbol for much of the human suffering of World War II, passed out of existence, nearly eleven years after the end of fighting in Europe, with the closing of the last D. P. camp in Munich...Mrs. Robert R. King discovered a dollar bill with the picture of George Washington on both sides; a genuine bill, according to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. Numismatists are clamoring for this rare specimen...Swiss watchmakers sent Ike a gold wrist watch with a special mechanism for counting golf strokes...The wearing of expensive clothes, jewelry and wrist watches has been banned among the women of Aden, Arabia, because of religious principles...Cars speeding along New York State's Thruway have killed 900 deer in the past twenty-one months; even the Governor's car hit one...Soldiers from homes run by "bossy" mothers are least likely to stand up in emergencies, according to Army psychologists... Lieut. John Carey of the Dumont, N. J., fire department was charged with arson for setting fire to the firehouse...The London Daily Telegraph said the Soviet Union has developed a ram jet missile with a speed of more than 3,000 miles an hour and a range of 180 miles...Ex-boxer Lou Nova will give a poetry reading at Carnegie Hall this month. It is said that his poetry-reading packs a greater wallop than his once-famous "cosmic punch."...Dr. Paul Dudley White, medical adviser to President Eisenhower, while in Japan to study heart disease, treated Maj. Gen. John W. Harmony, 55, at Seoul, Korea...A rancher burned twenty-one skunk pelts before he learned they were worth $2.50 each on the fur market. He did not complain, however. He shot them and was grateful when they did not return the fire.

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

Spring has been playing "hide and seek" with us again this year, hiding behind the blustery skirts of winter as if afraid to make an appearance. There have been a few bright days sandwiched in between snow and rain and these have held a promise of sunny skies and the fragrance of blossoms everywhere.

Why do we celebrate New Year's Day in the height of our winter period when spring is the time of nature's rebirth, the time for beginnings. In the old days, grandmother folded away the family red flannels and brought out the sulphur and molasses while today we store our fur coats and take vitamin pills. In any case, spring gives us a new lease on life and we look ahead with much more confidence than we do in January.

In the spirit of the season, why not try one thing you have never tried before. It need not be an elaborate project, just something simple that will still mean a change. Take up a new hobby, plant something different in your garden, or make a new friend. It may take a little time to think of something, but the new interest will help to make routine tasks less boring.

My spring project each year is opening the cottage at the shore. This is a real undertaking, but I share the responsibility with several friends so that "many hands make light work." The gas, water and electricity have to be turned on and it is always a question as to whether any of the pipes have sprung leaks over the winter. The house is damp and must be dried out with the help of sunshine, if any, the fireplace, oven, and two electric radiators. It is surprising how fast the place warms up and the dampness is soon gone.

The first spring weekend is always exciting. The house seems asleep when we unlock the door and it wakes up gradually during the hours that follow. One year we telephoned ahead to ask a neighbor to open the house and light the oven so that it would be warm when we arrived. This was a mistake! The neighbor tried to be very helpful by also filling large pots with water to heat on top of the stove. As a result all the walls and ceilings were running with water from the steam and it took much longer than usual to dry out the place.

Another year a water pipe under the house had broken and we had to borrow water for more than twenty-four hours. But it was still good to be there and we survived the temporary inconvenience.

All of us, I think, look forward to the green luxury of May and June and masses of flowers. Sometimes we are impatient and want it to happen overnight.

This brings to mind a rhyme learned long ago:

"Spring is here,
The grass is riz,
I wonder where the flowers is!"

Annette B. Dinsmore

YOU AND YOUR DOG

by

Arthur Trayford, D.V.M.

Part II

The problem of training a dog not to chase cars besets most owners. It is a tough one. Throwing a bucket of water from a moving car into the dog's face, or jumping out at him, switch in hand, are the only known means. If repeated often enough, they can instill fear of cars in the dog. Yet they are not always successful. Even a dog that is injured by a car may not be cured of chasing. An injury stimulates resentment in most dogs, with the result that they chase cars more than ever.

One of the reasons that dogs endear themselves to their masters is that, as I have said, many of them have human characteristics. Vanity, for instance. Dogs that have not been groomed as puppies may resent it later on. But if, from puppyhood, they are accustomed to daily grooming, and then it is neglected, they feel neglected. Show dogs, sometimes thought to be unhappy dogs, are no unhappier than showgirls. Like their human counterparts, they like the glamour treatment. Dogs dote on the extra affection that goes with being clipped, brushed, and pedicured. Their handlers talk to them, pet them. Other people pay a lot of attention to them, too. Like humans, they find their position in the spotlight gratifying to the ego.

Dogs have a sense of modesty, too. A dog that has been clipped too short will often hide under a bed and do his best to stay out of sight until the hair grows out. He is ashamed, obviously, of his scanty wearing apparel.

Dogs can fall in love. They can have canine attachments. I knew an Irish setter who formed a strong attachment for a neighborhood mutt. She

had a litter of puppies by him, and although her owner tried time and again to mate her with another setter, she would have none of him. She went back, in spite of all precautions, to the same old mutt, and to the day she died would never mate with any other dog.

Dogs are definitely jealous, as is apparent to the many owners who have a dog before they have a baby. When the baby comes, attention is transferred from Fido to that little howling thing; and Fido forgets he was ever housebroken, becomes destructive as he never was before, and generally gives the family an awful time of it.

"Do dogs prefer their own breed as friends?" owners ask me. No. A miniature dachshund and a Great Dane may be better friends than two Great Danes. Dogs choose their friends, as we do, for reasons of congeniality. They will bypass the arrogant type and run with the pooch that chases rabbits, is outgoing, has fun. Dogs recognize barks, too; they can distinguish between the barks of their pals and the barks of strangers.

Dogs probably like humans better than they like other dogs, but not altogether for the reasons commonly supposed. There is no food forthcoming from other dogs, nor shelter. In terms of comfort and security, which they value, other dogs can give them nothing. Hence their preference for man.

Many dogs show a grief-pattern at an owner's death, but the fact that this reaction generally occurs in dogs who are at least ten years old indicates that the grief-pattern is, in part, actually broken habit-pattern.

Some of the diseases of man are also common to dogs: Dogs may have cancer. In the female, mixed mammary tumors are most common. In the male, tumors appear most often in the genital organs. However, they are not usually malignant. In both sexes, lung cancer occurs.

The growth of cancer is rapid during the female's estrogenic cycle, but slows down when heat is over. Mammary tumors are not common in dogs that have been spayed. Three months after a female suffering from carcinoma is spayed, the disease subsides--often so completely that further treatment is unnecessary. In answer to another question I am often asked, let me say here that spaying does not alter the disposition, personality or behavior pattern of a dog. The only exception to this rule is the case of the dog who has cystic ovaries. In this case, spaying will restore whatever personality traits the dog had before the cysts developed.

The optimum time to spay is before the female comes into her first season. If not done then, it should be done four months after she is out of season. But at any age it is safe, and when a dog is not being used to propagate her kind, it is humane. After spaying, the animal is at rest--mentally and emotionally. There is no sex impulse, and she stays home more. A spayed female is a better pet than a male. If a male is to be altered, the operation should be performed early in his life. He becomes fat, insipid, and lazy if it is done later on.

Dogs do not show primary disease of the vascular system. Apoplexy, or cerebral hemorrhage, may occur after canine infectious hepatitis or leptospirosis. Dogs are subject to viruses of their own, and to infected tonsils, which often require a tonsillectomy. They also have ear problems. A loose tooth can cause pain to the dog's jaw, but, by and large, dogs are less sensitive to pain than humans. Moreover, they do not go into emotional throes of pain as we do.

The idea that people "catch things" from dogs is, in large part, exaggerated. Rabies, when there is physical contact, is communicable. Scabies, commonly known as the mange, can be transmitted. The fungi, or

skin disease such as ringworm, are infectious when there is contact. Dogs may be carriers of a few other diseases.

"Is it possible," I have often been asked, "for a dog to have emotionally induced illnesses?" It is indeed. A typical case is that of a cocker spaniel brought to us shivering and shaking, vomiting, suffering from diarrhea, and with a temperature of 103 degrees. We gave her the normal treatment, which includes penicillin and anti-spasmodics, and the disorder cleared up. Three days later it started all over again. The treatment was repeated. Two days later, another recurrence. Not until the member of the family to whom she was most attached returned from a trip did the symptoms finally subside--and the dog has never had another "sick" day. Nor is she likely to have one until the object of her affections decides to take off again.

For the most part, dogs are sensible creatures, but we do have a few "nuts" among them with definitely psychotic tendencies. Some dogs suffer from claustrophobia. If, in the initial stage of this affliction, the dog is put in one room and made to stay there, the trouble can often be overcome. If he is so disturbed that it is impossible to cure him in such a manner, the only solution is to get rid of him.

Of the several human characteristics observed in dogs, the most striking is that the dog, like the human animal, is an individual.

In the opinion of many authorities, the German shepherd, justly famed for his work as the Seeing-Eye Dog, is the most intelligent breed. Generally speaking, however, no one breed is smarter than another. The common belief that mongrels are smarter than pure-breds is not necessarily true. The street urchins among them, who survive by pluck and intelligence, do develop a more than common degree of shrewdness, but this is the result of individual experience. (To be continued)

--From Cosmopolitan

BETSIE BARKS

Hello. How are you? I'm fine!

Every morning I go down the steps into the yard before I take the Boss to the office. The other day there was a little cat in the yard, crying. It was scared, I think, but it wasn't scared of me. It followed me up the steps into the apartment.

When the Boss reached down to pet me, there was the little cat instead. The Boss was surprised and jumped away. Then she laughed and said the little cat must be lost and it seemed hungry. The Boss said we couldn't feed it because it had to find its way home and if we gave it food it would want to stay with us. I thought it would be fun to have it stay with us, but the Boss put it out on the step and shut the door. Then we left for work.

That night, after I had dinner, the little cat came back and cried outside the door. I was very sorry.

The Boss telephoned some friends. They came over right away. When they saw the little cat, they said they knew it belonged at the store on the corner. They took it back to the store and gave it some milk and meat.

I liked the little cat and wished it could live with us. But the Boss said it would be too hard, because we would have to leave it alone so much.

I would not like to be lost and I would be scared, too! And I don't like the Boss to leave me alone either.

Thank you and goodbye.

Betsie Dinsmore

NEWS CAPSULES

Girlstown, U.S.A., was called a model home for neglected girls when it was founded at Whiteface, Tex., in 1949. Its founder, Miss Amelia Anthony, was chosen Outstanding Woman of the Year, in 1953 by General Confederation of Women's Clubs. But a fact-finding advisory board heard of weird punishments allegedly given the girl inmates, none older than 15. Former employes testified that girls were beaten savagely with brooms, sticks and straps and as punishment were forced to smoke full packs of cigarets that brought on violent illness.

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In 1937 a lawyer collected a fee for a job he did not do, and as a result a married woman has received $260,000 of her first husband's estate. Mrs. Myra Richman Duck of Brooklyn never was divorced from Helge Nelson, although she believed she was. Mr. Nelson died in April, 1955, without leaving a will. He married Mrs. Duck in 1917 and left her two weeks later. When she wanted to remarry in 1937, she paid a lawyer to obtain an Enoch Arden divorce for her. Now, no trace can be found of this divorce; therefore, she is the legal widow of her former husband, illegally remarried.

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Every year New York City's thousands of subway workers are given new passes which entitle them to free train rides. The 1956 issue was printed on blue cardboard--the same color and texture as the pastry boxes used by Horn and Hardart Automats. Do-it-yourself fans were quick to spot the similarity, and with homemade printing outfits made their own passes. Despite the arrest of several impostors, the use of these counterfeits became so rife that all 1956 passes had to be replaced.

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When several long-distance truck drivers complained that they "saw snakes" in their cabs, Deputy Don Spafford of Columbus, Ohio, investigated the matter. He uncovered that these drivers and many others were using anti-sleeping tablets to keep awake on their long and lonely runs. Sixty of these illegal tablets were confiscated when the deputy questioned the "snake-seeing" drivers. It is believed that this harmful and dangerous practice is on a nation-wide scale and is the cause of many unexplainable accidents.

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For five years Italian doctors and lawyers have been trying to have a law revoked which makes it illegal to remove the eyes of a dead person, thus preventing the establishment of an eye bank. Despite the illegality, Don Carlo Gnocchi, "the guardian angel" of war-maimed children, willed his eyes to be used for cornea transplants on two blind children. When the Italian public learned how, miraculously, the dead priest's eye gave sight to two blind children, they put pressure on their legislature to legalize the practice. Now, thanks to this selfless priest, Italy will have an eye bank.

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Peter Engelschjon, the 6-year-old son of a N. Y. Telephone Co. official, was shot to death accidentally while watching a television cowboy movie at the home of Craighton Cawthorne, also 6. Somehow, young Craighton tired of the movie, wandered into the library of the home. There he found a closet vault containing three revolvers and a rifle, all were unloaded except the revolver the boy picked up. A few minutes later, he returned to Peter and shot him; Peter died instantly from a bullet which entered the center of his forehead.

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Mrs. Helen Dow Peck of Bethel, Conn., left an estate of $180,000 to one John Gale Forbes, an occult name which appeared to her on a Ouija board which she and her husband used during the fad of 1919 and the early '20's. A court-appointed investigator has been unable to find any trace of any John Gale Forbes. Her relatives seek to break the will, insisting their aunt "lacked testamentary capacity." A brief filed by their attorneys quotes notes found in Mrs. Peck's belongings indicating her firm belief in Ouija. The question Judge Averice P. Lavalla must decide to end the case is just how much value the board has in determing the disposition of an estate.

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A youth of about sixteen attempted the most daring subway robbery ever. In a train bound for Brooklyn, the boy snatched Mrs. Sophie Leib's purse containing $1,200 and ran toward the rear car. The woman's screams were heard by a guard in a back car who stopped the train with the emergency cord. When the purse-snatcher saw the guard approaching him, he swung at the guard with the snatched purse--and dropped it. To elude capture, empty-handed, the thief jumped to the tracks from between the cars and miraculously escaped being killed by a train coming from the opposite direction. He made his getaway through an emergency exit in the dark tunnel.

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Since the death of Stalin, Russia has been drifting away from Stalinism. The present Red rulers have gone so far now that almost every vestige of Stalin's rule has been obliterated. A grotesque collection of gifts presented to Stalin on his seventieth birthday is being dismantled at Moscow's Museum of the Revolution. Thousands of presents to Stalin from all parts of the world have already gone into storage. Inscriptions on many others have been effaced or placed where it is difficult to see them. All pictures of Stalin have been removed from Moscow's Tretyakov Gallery.

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TRIVIA

SOLUTION TO ABLUTION - Mrs. Sarah Chinn got a divorce in Denver. She said her husband wouldn't let her take baths "because he needed the water for his restaurant."

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GIVEN A SLUG WHEN DOWN - Robert Bruce Hill, 42, of Nowata, Okla., was charged with drunken driving--his second offense. Hill explained in court that his wrecked car had pinned him to the ground and that a helpful stranger came by and poured whisky down his throat to alleviate his suffering.

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IF THY BROTHER OFFEND THEE- In Terre Haute, Ind., Frederick F. Wendholt, Bible salesman for the House of Harmony Co., angrily called police, complained that fellow Bible salesman Robert L. Allaman had assaulted him and tried to throw him out of the Filbeck Hotel in an effort to muscle in on his territory.

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CAT-ASTROPHE - Mrs. Ernest Lopez of Los Angeles had a turkey all cooked for her wedding anniversary. She also has five cats. Her menu for that memorable day: Ham and eggs.

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A CLEAN CASE - Two characters named George Thomas and Oscar Purdie were arrested in Baltimore for stealing $400 worth of stuff from a laundry. They were picked up when they sent it back to be washed.

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SUITS ALL OCCASIONS - Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson of Texas ordered two suits from his tailor just before his heart attack. Several days after he fell ill, the tailor phoned Mrs. Johnson and asked what he should do about the suits. Mrs. Johnson relayed the query to her husband. "Tell him to go ahead," said the Senator. "We'll need the blue one in any event."

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DO IT YOURSELF - In Irvington, N.J., arrested for driving with old license plates, George Ludovici was held on additional charges when police learned that he had stolen the car, was AWOL from the Army, had tried to pay for the traffic ticket with a homemade $10 bill.

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DIED IN COMMITTEE - In Inverness, Fla., the Citrus County Chronicle carried a notice: "An announcement by J. Wallace Cooper: I said I would be a candidate for council. My wife said I wouldn't be. So ends my thoughts on seeking a place on the city council."

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WILL POWER - Goddard Lieberson and his wife, Zorina, (dancer) read "The Search for Bridey Murphy." This is the best-selling novel about a woman who, under hypnosis, tells of her previous life in Ireland long ago. Lieberson was impressed by this story of reincarnation. "I'm changing my will," he told his wife. "I'm bequeathing everything to myself."

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ERRANT KNIGHT - In Fresno, Calif., Paul Samuel Haney was sentenced to a year in prison for forging checks on his wife's bank account so that he could buy wedding and engagement rings for his former girl friend.

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SPORTS SHOTS

Jackie Robinson's challenge to big league owners, "Why Can't I Manage in the Majors?" in the current issue of Real Magazine, has stirred considerable pro and con comment in the spring training camps...Big leaguers who knew the Dodgers' Karl Spooner when he was with Fort Worth say the lefthanded pitcher will never make it because he's chronically subject to injury and illness... Mickey Mantle, who took up golf only last November, already can drive a ball 300 yards. You can't mistake Mantle, incidentally, when he drives around town. His Oklahoma license plate is numbered 77-7777...The Red Sox are worried about rookie Frank Baumann's sore arm, which he concealed from them last fall when he was recalled. The southpaw cost Boston 125 grand...Mayo Smith, manager of the Phillies, has enough pitching problems of his own, but he still says the Dodgers cannot expect to have another 20-game year out of Don Newcombe and they still must find another No. 2 pitcher behind him... General manager Hank Greenberg of the Indians said he will put up $100 for each game his team wins in less than two hours this season. Money will be placed in a players' fund...Maury McDermott was asked if he liked singing in saloons between seasons. "It's not that I like the job," the new Yankee pitcher said, "it's that I get paid for it. My wife and baby developed a bad habit. They like to eat."...Russell Rac, the Cards' rookie outfielder, had an interesting experience in the Latin Winter League, including a stay in jail. After he hit three homers against the home team, Rac was pelted with rocks by bleacherites. It was all very playful until Russell pegged one back into the stands, when the exuberant Latins stormed from their seats after him. Rac was arrested for his own protection...The Braves' Billy

Bruton says he didn't steal more than 25 bases last year because Hank Aaron batted behind him for part of a season. Aaron goes up to bat to hit, not wait. Many times when Bruton had a base stolen Aaron forced him back by fouling off the pitch...Johnny Podres will do his 1956 pitching--if any--for the United States Army...Chuck Dressen, manager of the Washington Senators, said he was going to "bench" himself for the first time in his coaching and managerial career by giving up his third-base coaching post... In the latest edition of the National League Green Book, home-run records are classified according to fielding positions: First basemen, Johnny Mize, Giants, 51; second basemen, Roger Hornsby, Cards, 42; shortstops, Ernie Banks, Cubs, 44; third basemen, Ed Mathews, Braves, 47; left fielders, Ralph Kiner, Pirates, 54; center fielders, Hack Wilson, Cubs, 56; right fielders, Chuck Klein, Phils, 43; catchers, Roy Campanella, Dodgers, 41...Dawn Fraser, an 18-year-old swimmer from Adelaide, bettered two listed world records while winning the women's 220-yard free-style race at the Australian national championships...Luis Migule Dominguin, one of the world's top matadors, was banned from further bullfighting in Mexico because he accused the officials of throwing the bull--using inferior bulls, fixing fights and other unscrupulous practices...Rocky Marciano told reporters he will defend his heavyweight crown against England's Don Cockell next September...Joe Louis has formed a new firm--Louis and Rowe Promotions--with Billy Rowe, former assistant police commissioner...So far Primo Carnera is the only ex-heavyweight champion to make wrestling a career, and Primo was a wrestler and circus freak before he was a boxer...English soccer players will be barred from playing in televised games unless extra fees are paid, the Players Union announced.

MARGINALIA

Richard Brenton, 15 months old, was rushed to the hospital choking on something he had swallowed. An X-ray revealed "IKE"--he had swallowed a campaign pin...Moscow officially shortened its work week from 48 to 46 hours... U. S. Army chemists have developed a portable shelter-crib to protect babies from the chemical effects of atomic warfare...Atomic expert Kathleen Lonsdale disclosed that she wore a homemade 10-cent hat when she marched into Buckingham Palace to be made a Dame Commander of the British Empire...Peron has $700,000,000 hidden in the U. S. and various European countries, according to an investigating committee of Argentina...Margaret Truman's story, "Souvenirs," has been running serially in Good Housekeeping. The story will end with a reference to her groom-to-be, Clifton Daniel, and her "Souvenirs" at last will have a good finish--the wedding, set for April 21...Showman Billy Rose will be married to Joyce Mathews, former wife of comedian Milton Berle, June 2...The wedding cake for Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier will weigh nearly 200 pounds...Rear Admiral William R. Smedbert, son of a West Point general and father of a midshipman, became the thirty-ninth superintendent of the United States Naval Academy...One of America's most beloved comedians, Fred Allen, 61, died of a heart attack while strolling near his home in New York...Mr. and Mrs. Juan Gonzales, 28 and 22 respectively, their four small children and Mrs. Gonzales' mother, 65, died in their Brooklyn apartment from carbon monoxide escaping from a faulty gas hot water heater... A $1,000,000 fund has been established by the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation, to finance an international art competition every two years. First prize, $10,000, may be bestowed by President Eisenhower...An unusually large

flare on the sun caused a blackout of international radio communications for as much as fifty minutes. Scientists explained that bursts accompanied sunspot activity...The Court of Appeals, Albany, N. Y., ruled that it was not in itself a slander to call a person a Communist...A Danish doctor predicted that atomic science might raise the average life expectancy from 65 to 800 years when the secret of reconstructing new body cells is discovered... Metropolitan Opera star Martha Lipton prevented her poodle from catching colds--by buying it a mink coat at Maximilian's...Mrs. Charles A. Black, 27, took two of her three children--Linda Susan, 7, and Charles, 3--to fabulous Disneyland. No one recognized her as the once widely known child movie star Shirley Temple...The British have formulated a durable paint that kills all insects by contact...An axle that unaccountably broke caused the derailment of a Baltimore to Washington passenger train, killing five and injuring 100... John S. (Shipwreck) Kelly has filed suit for divorce from Brenda Frazier Kelly, whose debut stirred New York society in 1938...Warsaw Radio announced that Polish Communist boss, Boleslaw Bierut, 64, had died in Moscow "after a severe illness."...John Phillips, 17, of Atlanta, Ga., committed suicide when his girl friend's father forbade him to see her...The visit to Britain by Georgi M. Malenkov, former Soviet Premier, was his first trip outside the Iron Curtain...Jake Guzik, 69, Capone gang treasurer, died of a heart attack and was buried in an ornate bronze casket costing $5,000...The world's largest private damage suit, $57,800,000, has been filed in Trenton, N. J., Superior Court, by Vernon and Alvin Gatling who claim they were illegally evicted from a rich uranium mine they had discovered...Western Germany's first atomic reactor is being built near the Rhine River at Karlsruhe...A 67-year-old bachelor grew the world's biggest lemon in his home in northwestern Manitoba--17 ounces...Wellington Koo is planning to retire...

The West German airline, which was reborn last year, is expanding so rapidly that some nations fear their airlines will be put out of business...Dr. H. E. Page of the Office of Naval Research stated that noisy jet planes are overtaxing human ears; that something must be done to prevent mass deafness... A $33,400,000 nuclear plant occupying 1,000 acres is being built in Rowe, Mass., a town of 207 residents...Dr. William S. Laughlin, U. S. Air Force, declared that caribou-skin, with the hair left on, is the warmest and lightest clothing material known to science...State Rep. D. H. Glass of Jackson, Miss., introduced a bill in the legislature to require parents of more than one illegitimate child to be sterlilized if they sought public relief, under the bill...Irene Joliot-Curie, 58, died of blood cancer, a victim as was her famous father of the mysterious radioactive rays. She and her husband discovered artificial radioactivity which won them the 1954 Nobel Prize for chemistry...Pulitzer prize-winning author Louis Bromfield died of a jaundice infection at 57...Four Iowa high school girls tearfully admitted they drove away from home on a lark, lost their nerve and made up a story about being kidnaped...A giant radio telescope is being built in Australia to chart the Southern heavens. Since a similar one is already in use in the northern hemisphere, it will enable astronomers to get a detailed picture of the whole universe..."Smokey," that cinnamon-colored bear that looks down from the poster and says, "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires," is the most powerful force in stopping forest fires in the United States today, Forest Service workers say...A star-faced mole, believed only the second of its species ever reported in the Toronto area, was disccovered when workmen excavating some land disturbed it...Charley Steward of Tulsa, Okla., married a local girl, Beatrice Daniel, who is half his age--Charley is 100...The United States now plans to launch twelve earth satellites.

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

"Rome was not built in one day," the saying goes. And certainly, training and jobs for deaf-blind workers cannot be found overnight as a result of one "Workshop" of four days' duration. However, the Workshop on Vocational Training and Employment of Deaf-Blind Adults, which was held here at the Foundation from February 6-9, was a step in the right direction.

The participants came from various parts of the country and were invited, not on the basis of states or agencies, but because they had shown interest in and understanding of deaf-blind people and had had some experience in working with them. There was no "selling job" needed here, for everyone who came was already convinced that capable deaf-blind people, given the proper training and opportunity, can work with great efficiency. The questions to be answered were: what types of employment might be practical for what types of deaf-blind persons, and what kind of training would be necessary to help them qualify for such work. The discussion was confined to those deaf-blind people who cannot use hearing aids and must communicate with employers and fellow-workers by means of some special method, such as the one-hand manual alphabet, printing in the palm, the alphabet glove, Tellatouch, etc. The question of communication presents one of the greatest problems in placement and requires patience and skill on the part of the placement officers as well as on the part of the deaf-blind workers.

The participants first held a general discussion and then divided into three committees to study the possibilities for 1) competitive employment in industry, 2) employment in a sheltered workshop, and 3) industrial homework and self-employment.

The first committee drew up a report outlining the qualifications and training necessary for placement in competitive industry, together with arguments to combat possible objections which a prospective employer might raise.

The second committee reported on requirements and training needed for work in a sheltered workshop and the special services which such a shop should be able to offer deaf-blind workers.

The third committee considered the means of building up an effective industrial homework program which should be developed in such a way that continuous remunerative work could be made available to capable deaf-blind people who, for some reason, would be unable to go outside their homes for employment.

One day was spent by the entire group of participants in visiting the Industrial Home for the Blind, in Brooklyn, to observe deaf-blind men at work during the day, and the recreation program for them in the evening.

Each committee presented its report to the whole "Workshop" on the last day and there were some lively discussions on a number of points. Everyone was enthusiastic and eager to get something started in his own home area. We are hoping that this interest may influence others and help us to emphasize the urgency of employment for deaf-blind people. There is a continuing need for such emphasis and if the subject can be given enough publicity, perhaps rehabilitation counselors will be able to locate jobs for deaf-blind people.

Annette B. Dinsmore

YOU AND YOUR DOG

by

Arthur Trayford, D.V.M.

Dogs get under your skin and into your heart. Many owners become so attached to their dogs that they think of them as people and, consciously or unconsciously, attribute to them human characteristics. They overlook the gulf which separates an animal's mental processes from the human faculty of rational thought. And, unfortunately, in disregarding their pets' shortcomings they may fail also to realize that in some respects dogs excel their masters. Their chief superiority lies in their instincts and sensory perceptions, which are sharper and more sensitive than ours.

For example, do you know the method by which a dog can find his way home from almost any distance? It is the procedure used by bird dogs in searching a field for game: circling. Almost as if equipped by radar, the dog runs around and around in gradually widening circles until eventually he strikes a familiar area. Then he picks up the scent and journeys home. Small dogs whose travel is confined to a leap from one pillow to another--such as the Pomeranian and the Pekingese--would never make it. But dogs who are home-minded and capable of getting out and moving have been known to find their way home from distances of hundreds of miles. There was the Boston terrier, for instance, who disappeared from his home on Long Island for a whole year. One morning he was found sitting at the front door of his owner's shop. As mute evidence of the miles he had traveled, he wore a Midwestern dog license.

The dog's most powerful faculty is his sense of smell. He does not have a strong sense of taste but his sense of smell takes its place. Dogs

savor or reject their food according to the way it smells. For this reason, some dogs will not touch raw meat; they prefer cooked meat because of its more appetizing aroma. If the food has little or no smell, they must be very hungry before they will touch it. Most dogs, especially the gourmets--and there are gourmets among them--like seasoning because it accents the odor of food. The problem of an indifferent eater can often be overcome by sprinkling his food with garlic, onion salt, or bits of cooked bacon. Many dogs like fruits, including citrus fruits. Probably it appeals to them for the same reason that candy does: they like the sugar smell. On the other hand, dogs do not like peppermint, wintergreen, or anything aromatic.

Dogs definitely dislike the smell of alcohol. They do not take kindly to the overzealous efforts of the individual with liquor on his breath to be affectionate. To nuzzle a dog after two or three cocktails is the surest way I know of getting your nose bitten off.

The smell of smoke irritates a dog's nose and nerves. Dogs panic at fire, and, because the smell of smoke is associated with fire, they do not like the smell of a pipe, cigar, or cigarette.

The dog that is basically a hunting dog, such as the pointer, or the springer spaniel, can, on occasion, pick up the scent of birds from the air. When a female is in season, males living as far as half a mile away are able to pick up the scent.

Compared with human hearing, a dog's is extremely sensitive. Many high-pitched sounds which are beyond the frequency range discernible by human ears are heard clearly by dogs. For this reason, high-frequency overtones of sirens, whistles, or harmonicas which we do not even hear are irritating, in fact painful, to the dog's sensitive ears. Screaming and

shouting are equally unpleasant to a dog. Whenever there is great excitement, or when children are playing noisily, it is a good idea to keep an eye on the dog.

Dogs know before we do when a hurricane is coming. The forerunning winds whistle through such tiny spaces as cracks and window crevices, filling the house--especially if it is an old house--with shrill, high-pitched sounds. They are so high-pitched that we cannot detect them, but dogs can. When a dog shakes his ears continually, as though they were troubling him, it is almost invariably during, or just before, a windstorm or a thunderstorm.

When a dog appears at school every day punctually at three o'clock to meet his little master or mistress, as dogs have been known to do, habit-pattern may be the explanation. But it is more probable that the high-pitched voices of the children give him the cue, for he can hear them a mile away.

Dogs are totally color-blind. They can distinguish light and shadow, black and white, but they cannot discern the color of an object.

I am often asked, "Can dogs see TV?" Before I can reply, the question is usually answered for me (in the affirmative) by tales of Loverboy, who barks when a dog appears on the screen, or who growls and slinks away when the villain is bent on foul murder.

If the television screen is within their range of vision, dogs see light, shadow, and movement. But they do not see a clear-cut image. Thus, when your dog barks at the image of another dog on the screen, either it is sheer coincidence, or else he has picked up the sound. Similarly, dogs may appear to recognize the villain because, being extremely sensitive to inflection and intonation, they react to the menace in his voice.

This sensitivity to intonation is of great importance in training

a dog. The repetition of such words as Sit, Down, Go Fetch, Carry, Stay gets results, but it is the tone of voice which the dog understands and obeys.

A certain amount of physical chastisement is necessary in training a dog, but you should never beat a dog except in self-defense. A very effective way of putting something across to a dog is to hold his jowls and give him a flick across the nose--smartly, but, since the nose is a pretty sensitive organ, not too forcefully.

The element of surprise is an important one in training. When we have a chronic barker in the hospital, I cure him by squirting water into his face from a two-ounce syringe, which emits a fairly powerful stream. The procedure causes no pain but so startles the dog that he does not know what has happened. Three treatments of this sort usually suffice to cure him of his barking.

This startle technique is also useful in training a puppy to be quiet at night. If your small puppy raises hob while you are trying to sleep, go to the room in which he sleeps, enter it quickly without warning, snap on the lights, give him a quick smack, snap the lights off again, and pop out. Repeat three or four times, or as often as necessary. After the first night, you should never have to bother again.

Obedience training can make the difference between a good dog and a useless one; it can make you a better owner, too. But what you learn at school you have to practice at home; for what you learn, your dog learns. Without homework well and faithfully done, obedience training is a waste of time. (To be continued)

--From Cosmopolitan

BETSIE BARKS

Hello. How are you? I'm fine!

I like to go shopping with the Boss. Sometimes we go to a store to buy meat and things to eat. There are wonderful smells everywhere and if I look very hungry, I may get a bite of meat or a cracker.

Sometimes we go to a big store where there are lots of people and elevators, but no food and it smells different. There are shoes, hats, dresses and the Boss takes a long time looking at things. I get tired of waiting, but the people are friendly and smile at me. They talk to the Boss about me and say nice things and I pretend not to hear, but my tail thumps a little.

One day last week the Boss and I went shopping with some friends. There were so many people that we had to walk behind the others and follow them.

Why do women stop to talk right in the middle of where you want to go?

We almost lost our friends that day because when they turned left around a corner, two women stood there spread out in our way. But I didn't take the Boss around them; I just walked slowly and pushed them a little. They looked surprised, but they did move.

That's all I have to tell you this time.

Thank you and goodbye.

Betsie Dinsmore

NEWS CAPSULES

Reports of a mystery submarine spread through the South Sea Islands. They threatened to disrupt interisland trade after two ships in the area were reported to have mysteriously disappeared. Islanders were quick to link the reports of the submarine with the fate of two small missing schooners, the Joyita and the Arakarimoa, with their fifty-two persons aboard. Sailors said the mystery submarine had made several appearances, only to submerge without a trace.

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A young woman who had charged that a towel sponge measuring 15 square inches with its attached stainless steel ring two inches in diameter had been sewn into her during an operation was awarded $90,000 damages by the New York Supreme Court. The jury's verdict was returned against a sanitarium where the operation was performed, but no judgment was returned against the co-defendant, Dr. John T. Heenan, who performed the operation. Mrs. Rosemarie Bappert Tokol, 21, had to undergo a second operation for the removal of the sponge which, she claimed, had left her sterile.

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For twenty years, the kindly and charitable Miss Minnie C. Mangum, 52, headed the bookkeeping department of the Commonwealth Building and Loan Association. During these years she dipped into the till to the amount of $2,800,000--more than double the Brink's robbery loot. She used to pick girl assistants right out of business college "to learn my system." Her system backfired just before Christmas when one of her young women recruits publicly challenged her entry system and put a Federal auditor on her trail.

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The Supreme Court ruled that butchers could not be required to sharpen their knives on their own time when the sharp knives were indispensable to their productive activity. In a related case, the court held that workers in a battery plant must be paid overtime for time spent changing their clothes and taking shower baths to protect them from contamination. These operations, the court held, were an integral part of the principal activity of the workers, not "preliminary" or "postliminary" to their regular tasks. Chief Justice Earl Warren delivered the unanimous opinion of the court in both cases.

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A new police chief in Cherokee, Alabama, who had built up a three-month record of good law enforcement was revealed as an escaped convict who also was wanted on several criminal charges. Mayor John Morgan, who approved hiring John Edmund Burton, said, "We were very well satisfied with Burton's work." Burton's arrest came as the result of a state investigation into a house fire in Jasper, Ala., in which a man was fatally burned. The house was owned by Burton. Officials at Kilby State Prison in Montgomery said Burton had escaped in 1952 while serving a sentence for larceny. He is also wanted by Michigan and Mississippi police.

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Minou Drouet, an eight-year-old poetess, became the youngest member of the French Society of Authors, Composers and Music Publishers. In the French literary world, this little girl is considered a transcendent genius. She composed a poem of thirty-eight lines in half an hour, on a subject prescribed by the society's president, which made her a member of the society and entitles her to the society's aid in collecting royalties. This poem, a part of the society's examination for admission, thoroughly refuted and stopped rumors that Minou was a fraud, memorizing poems written by her talented stepmother.

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Although he was acquitted of a smuggling charge, Judge Charles Wyzanski ruled that Samuel Leiser, a New York diamond merchant, must forfeit $100,000 worth of diamonds to the United States Government because he failed to declare them. He testified he had not intended to land at Logan Airport, Boston, but at Gander, Newfoundland. Fog had forced the plane to fly past Gander to Boston. Judge Wyzanski ruled that a person who arrives in this country by accident or otherwise must make a declaration of what he carries on his person regardless of his intent.

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A policeman was arrested in a $50 hold-up of four men playing a sociable game of cards in a hotel room in New York City. Police Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy excoriated the suspect, Patrolman Alfonso Lopiccolo, and indicated a promotion was in order for Patrolman Leo E. Meloy, who made the pre-dawn arrest under conditions requiring quick thinking and courage. "This," said the Commissioner, "is one of the most shocking incidents that can happen in a police department doing its best to protect the people of this city."

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In Darby, England, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Haddon have an unusual farming problem: How long does an overcoat last a growing calf? The calf in question, a bovine freak, was born completely hairless. A veterinarian predicted it would never survive the winter, but the Haddons took a fancy to the little fellow and decided to save him by having a warm woolen overcoat made for him. The calf is doing fine but the overcoat is beginning to get a little tight around the chest.

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TRIVIA

PERSON TO PERSON - In Chattanooga, Moonshiner Bob Renfro spotted sheriff's men closing in on his house, hurriedly poured his homemade liquor down the sink, discovered too late that Chief Herbert Grant was waiting with an open jug at the other end of the drain.

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HOW MUCH DO I LOVE THEE? - Mrs. Ina Gillett, 52, of South Bend, Ind., suing for divorce, testified that for eight years her husband had not spoken to her except to ask, once each year, when he was making out their joint income tax, how much money she was earning.

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NIGHT OF THE HUNTER - Pastry Cook Jean Duchemin of Le Havre, France, facing a damage suit, explained that he is nearsighted, thus potted a traveling circus' baby giraffe because it looked to him like a rabbit.

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A DRY DRIVE - Determined to prevent her husband from having his final Sunday bottle of beer, Mrs. Gertrude Camile drove her car through the saloon doorway, tore off 12 feet of wall in a run that caused $1,000 damage to the bar, stepped out into the wreckage-strewn mess and clubbed him with a two-by-four.

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SEALED ORDERS - In Manhattan, Edward Mulstay, 54, returned from an unplanned, 19-day trip to Europe, explained ruefully that he had left his hearing aid at home when he went to a bon-voyage party aboard the liner America, failed to hear the all-ashore whistle blow.

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AN (AB) ORIGINAL MENU - The parents ordered this menu for 400 guests at a triple aboriginal wedding. Lizard, flying fox, alligator tail, wild pig and wallaby, all wrapped in banana leaves and cooked in an anthill oven. For dessert, lily roots and a frosted cake.

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A FINE CASE - In Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Justice of the Peace Webster Coon fined a traffic violator $10. The next day Justice Coon said, "He didn't kick about the fine. He seemed to be in a happy mood. I didn't know he had my gold watch in his pocket."

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FLAMING YOUTH - Gertrude Dorman was fined $50 for setting fire to her bed in a hotel room. She said, "The bed was on fire before I got into it."

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100 PROOF CONSTITUTIONAL -Olen Downey was arrested for being drunk. He claimed the United States Constitution gave him the right to get drunk. The judge questioned him on that, and Downey didn't plead the Fifth Amendment. Instead, he pleaded the Twenty-first Amendment--the one that repealed prohibition.

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DOWN WITH ECONOMY - The Illinois State Senate voted, "for reasons of efficiency and economy," to abolish the Committee of Efficiency and Economy.

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GAL FRIDAY HUNTS BOY TUESDAY - The following advertisement appeared in the want ad section of the Coldwater Advertiser, Michigan: "An attractive gal who gets paid on Friday and is broke on Tuesday wishes to meet man who gets paid on Tuesday and is broke by Friday."

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SPORTS SHOTS

Final results of the Winter Olympics at Cortina, Italy:

COUNTRY	POINTS	GOLD MEDALS
Russia	121	6
Austria	76½	4
Finland	66	3
Sweden	62	3
Switzerland	55½	2
United States	54½	2

Connie Mack, the grand old man of baseball, died at the age of 93...Joe Cronin and Hank Greenberg were elected to the Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y. Greenberg got 164 votes and Cronin received 152...On a seven-player deal, the Senators acquired from the Yankee organization Bob Wiesler, Lou Berberet, Dick Tettelback, Herb Plews and another unnamed young player to be delivered by April 1, in exchange for Maury McDermott whom the Yanks will keep and Bobby Kline who was assigned to the Yanks' Denver farm...Tommy Henrich, former N. Y. Yankee outfielder, resigned as president of the Red Top Brewing Company to return to N. Y. as a radio and TV sportscaster. "Play ball!" will be heard on April 16, with N. Y. at Washington. On the 17th, in the American League, Cleveland at Chicago, Kansas City at Detroit, Baltimore at Boston, N. Y. at Washington; in the National League, Philadelphia at Brooklyn, Pittsburgh at N. Y., St. Louis at Cincinnati, and Chicago at Milwaukee. Freddy Fitzsimmons, coach of the Giants for the past six seasons, was named manager of the Yankees' Binghamton club in the Eastern League... Allie Reynolds, former Yankee pitching great, will be awarded membership in Oklahoma's baseball Hall of Fame... Ellis Kinder, former Red Sox pitcher, came to terms with the Cards...Pete Reiser, former Dodger star, signed to manage the Brooks' farm club at Kokomo in the Midwest League...The Baltimore Orioles, who are very much worried about

a 200,000 drop in attendance last season, announced that fans could buy tickets for the season on a credit basis...Leo Kiely, a left-handed pitcher, who became a relief specialist last year, was signed for 1956 by the Boston Red Sox...The automatic base on balls will be introduced to the big league during the coming spring-training games, as an experiment on speeding up the ball games. A new baseball, with a smoother surface, also will be introduced... Babe Zaharias arrived home from her two-month stay in a Texas hospital "feeling real good."...Faye Crocker of Uruguay and Patty Berg shot 1-under-par 71's to tie for the Miami Beach women's open golf tournament...A British boxing promoter sought official permission to adopt the American system of judging fights. Under the U.S. plan two judges and the referee vote on decisions. In Britain, the referee is the sole judge...Jack Dempsy is in Toronto arranging for a new talent heavyweight tournament to be promoted there by Deacon Allen in April...The East-West College All-Star basketball game will be played in Madison Square Garden on March 31...Althea Gibson of N.Y. and Britain's Angela Buston easily won the women's doubles title in the French indoor tennis championships...Mike Souchak captured the $12,500 Caliente open golf tournament with a final-round 71 and a 72-hole score of 281... Wallace (Bud) Werner of Steamboat Springs, Colo., won the Grand Prix de Chamonix downhill ski race against an international field...Wes Santee, fastest miler in American track history, will take legal action against the National AAU if he is barred from running in the Summer Olympics...Some coon hunters found their dogs had trailed the wrong scent, the hounds flushed some skunks.

MARGINALIA

Five youths 15 to 20 years old of Worcester, Mass., were sentenced to to life imprisonment for a murder-robbery that netted them little more than two cents apiece...Astrology is still Calcutta's number-one matchmaker. Thousands of eligible boys and girls are taken to market by their parents, their horoscopes are compared, and, if found compatible by the stars, they are married...Punch, a cat who inherited an estate valued at $60,000 in 1947, died at the age of 19, leaving the estate to The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston...A national welcoming committee has been organized in Belgium to greet the arrival of the first men from Mars...Fourteen-year-old George L. Wright of New York City won $100,000 on a TV quiz show. He talked and sang his way to fortune by identifying the song "Me and My Shadow."... Police of Singapore are investigating a "popularity contest" in which $1,000 is being offered to the first person to guess accurately the order in which Communist China's top six leaders are to be liquidated...A wall paper containing electrical elements for heating rooms has been developed by a British company...In Innsbruck, Austria, a mechanic has perfected a vending machine which heats people's feet during the cold weather. Upon receipt of a coin, the machine gives the frozen feet fifteen seconds of ultra-shortwave heat... The finest and purest diamond ever mined, weighing 426 carats and valued at $1,500,000 in the rough--a figure that will be greatly enhanced after cutting and polishing--was purchased by a New York concern...Paula Hitler Wolf, Hitler's sister, is seeking to recover part of the Fuhrer's sizable fortune. Her claim is in the hands of a Berlin court because some doubt exists regarding Hitler's death...Harlem's Father Divine, aged and ailing, has named his wife his successor and given her the title of Mother Divine to use after he

passes on...A man in Ithaca patented a chemical which, added to beer, can lengthen the life of the foam from six to ten times...A new drug, iminodiproprionitrile, has been produced which makes mice run for the rest of their lives, except during eating and sleeping...A greyhound racetrack in England, is dressing its dogs in jackets with fluorescent numerals so the hounds may be seen more easily on foggy days...Meter readers in Dothan, Ala., are supplied with the names of dogs in the houses of electricity customers so that they may placate unfriendly animals...Charles E. Wilson asked Congress to set up a $76,000,000 program to provide health insurance for dependents of service men...Mrs. Spencer Tracy, the wife of the film star, was awarded the Save the Children Federation medal for her work with the John Tracy Clinic in Los Angeles, named for her son who has been deaf since infancy...An outdoor restaurant in Turin, Italy, installed overhead infra-red heaters to warm diners on chilly winter days...Authorities in Sydney, Australia, redecorated the women's cells in jail in pastel colors, permitting the prisoners to select the decor...The showing of a silent movie, "My Official Wife," filmed at the old Vitagraph Studios in Brooklyn many years ago, revealed that Leon Trotsky, the old Bolshevik, had a part in the picture...Air-conditioned taxis will make their appearance in New York this summer...The Saudi Arabian Government ordered a dinner set to serve a thousand persons for $118,000 from a West German concern...Eighteen studies disclosed that tobacco in cigarettes--not the cigarette paper--caused 80 per cent of all male lung cancers...Nine Philadelphia area lawyers owe "hundreds of thousands of dollars" in back income taxes, the Internal Revenue Service said...The National Laugh Foundation is getting ready for National Laugh Week in April...The East and West German Red Cross societies have agreed to cooperate in publishing a cicular showing photographs of children who have been unable to find their parents since

wartime separation...Thousands of devout Christians attended Billy Graham's first revival meeting in New Delhi, India...Robert Montgomery, TV and movie star, was promoted from commander to captain in the naval reserve. Mr. Montgomery is President Eisenhower's TV and radio coach...France's National Academy of Medicine told parents that children under 14 shouldn't drink the hard stuff...Communist China has prepared a thirty-letter alphabet for the possible future Romanization of the written Chinese language...A Boston gambler, now dead, was named as "banker" for part of the $1,219,000 Brink's loot. He committed suicide four days after the case was solved...Dr. Harold E. Edgerton of MIT has developed an undersea camera capable of withstanding pressures greater than those at the greatest known ocean depth...The Afghan Embassy in New Delhi announced that a Soviet economic delegation had arrived in Kabul to discuss details of a $100,000,000 credit Moscow had agreed to give Afghanistan for economic development...A former headwaiter at the famous Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York was indicted for income tax evasion. He was charged with failure to report $67,070 in tips received over a four year period...A 64-year-old Canadian grandmother, convicted of conspiring to sell a baby to a childless Brooklyn couple, was sentenced to a four-month prison term...Three airline employes at New York International Airport, Idlewild, were arrested on charges of profiting from overweight luggage on airplanes... Weapons of war dredged from the bed of the Thames River by workmen included a Stone Age ax, two eighteenth century pistols and the barrels of machine-guns from a German fighter shot down during the second World War...Half the cattle in the country are being fed small doses of a hormone-like product to make them gain weight faster...A representative of the Naga tribe from India's northeastern frontier promised the Nagas would renounce head-hunting..."Only death and taxes are certain, and the only comfort we have is that we can't be hit by both at the same time."

LAUGHING GAS

Three salesmen dined at a Chinese chop suey emporium. When the meal was finished, they were given the traditional fortune cookies--those crunchy little Chinese pastry shells containing tell-your-fortune slips of paper. The first man bit open his cooky and read: "You are about to embark upon a business venture that will establish you as one of the nation's greatest tycoons." The second man opened his: "You will soon meet a tempestuous redhead who will give new zest to your existence." Then the third man unfolded his paper slip and read: "Help! I'm trapped in a Chinese bakery!"

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A distracted leopard sought the advice of a prominent psychoanalyst. "Every time I look at my wife," complained the leopard, "I see spots before my eyes." "What do you expect?" scoffed the psychoanalyst. "You're a leopard, aren't you?" "Sure," conceded the leopard. "But I am married to a zebra!"

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Two bitter golfing opponents reached the eighteenth green with their match all square. One of them had only to sink a tricky ten-foot putt to chalk up a victory. He had carefully lined up the putt, and had, in fact, pulled back his club for the all-important stroke when a sudden noise behind him stayed his hand. A funeral cortege was passing by. The golfer snapped to attention, whipped off his hat, and held it respectfully over his heart until the last car had disappeared down the road. Then he calmly sank his putt. "Congratulations," said his opponent grudgingly. "It took iron nerve not to let that funeral procession fluster you into missing your putt." "It wasn't easy," admitted the victor. "On Saturday we would have been married twenty-five years."

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FROM THE EDITOR

As Miss Dinsmore is preoccupied with the many-faceted job of arranging the "Workshop" conference which begins February 6th, the pleasant agony of writing the "message" has been temporarily transferred to your editor.

With gainful employment being the paramount theme here, we wondered if there wasn't a light side to this formidable-sounding subject, and some delving revealed these amusing facts:

A mounted policeman is required to sit on his horse fifty minutes out of every hour while on duty.--New York Police Department.

A worker who broke a leg while rushing out of the office during a coffee break is entitled to workmen's compensation.--Calif. Industrial Accident Commission.

Dog catchers are authorized to carry guns to protect themselves from irritated dog-owners.--Mecklenburg County, S. C., authorities.

There is nothing inherently repulsive about a Van Dyke beard and a swimming-pool attendant cannot be fired for growing one.--N. Y. State Employment Compensation Board.

Firemen may wear long red underwear to bed, but electric blankets will not be tolerated.--Fire Chief, San Diego, Calif.

Municipal employes caught sleeping during office hours must forfeit five days' pay; those reading newspapers, fifteen days' pay.--Cairo, Egypt.

It is all right for a postman to kick a vicious dog in self-defense.--Civil Service Board of Appeals, Washington.

Government workers must stop smoking opium during office hours.--Iranian authorities.

A fireman who is hard of hearing and did not understand that he had been discharged should be paid for the ten days' work he did following his firing.--Gallup, N. M., Town Council.

A barber may not threaten to cut off a youngster's ear.--Elkhart, Ind.

Railway conductors must keep their watches within a thirty-second variation per week.--Texas and Pacific railroad.

Public officials are not always obliged to tell the truth to journalists.--Federal High Court, Bonn, Germany.

Business men may not fly kites on local streets.--Meridian, Miss., Law.

A police sergeant, who failed to report that a bored patrolman killed time by shooting the electric clock off the police station wall, should be suspended.--New Orleans Police Commissioner.

Driving instructors are permitted to instruct women only between the hours of 8 A.M. and 9 P.M.--Windsor, Ont., authorities.

Despite our flippancy, we fervently hope that the ultimate results of the "Workshop" conference will, at least in some degree, enhance the employment opportunities of the deaf-blind.--Sam Chermak

PICKER-UPPERS, INC.

by

Stan Rowland, Jr.

In a recent ceremony at City Hall Plaza in New York, thirty men stood proudly, like soldiers at attention, and received medals for heroism from Mayor Wagner. They were not policemen, or firemen. They were members of New York City's unsung army of the big broom--the Sanitation Department. The Mayor cited them for risking their lives in service "above and beyond the call of their arduous duties." One had jumped fully clothed into a river to rescue a man, another had helped capture some thugs, and so on.

These feats, of course, are not the usual activities of garbage collectors and street cleaners. But, in pursuit of its routine tasks, the Sanitation Department finds it must cope with unusual problems almost every day. It can dispose of a dead whale or a wrecked airplane with equal facility; it has had to do both. Its special problems would be far less special if citizens with bulky objects to throw away--bedsprings that have lost their bounce and junior's beat-up tricycle are among the commonest--cooperated more than they do with the department.

"If they'd only call us up, we'd be glad to take the things away," a department spokesman said.

But private citizens don't often call the department with their special disposal problems. The conveyor belt of a collection truck will suddenly clank to a halt. Then for the first time the truck's crew will know that once again some citizen has disposed of his old lamp or some other tough piece of metal by concealing it among the rubbish.

Occasionally there is a resounding crash as when, recently, on the Lower East Side an upright piano, turning over and over in the air and making a sighing sound as it descended, was tumbled from the fourth-floor window of a tenement into an alley. As dust rose slowly, an arm appeared at the window and dropped the piano legs one by one.

More often, a piano proves too big or the window too small. Then the unwanted instrument is sometimes shoved into a hallway or down the stairs. Some of the pianoless public contribute their bit by tossing unwanted furniture out the window. When back yards are thoroughly cluttered, someone may call Sanitation and complain about "the lousy job you people are doing."

"But how do we know what they throw into their yards? There just isn't any justice," a man from Sanitation said plaintively.

There are disposal problems that announce themselves, like the dead whale that washed up at Coney Island a few years ago. Sanitation Commissioner Andrew W. Mulrain, who started with the department in 1921, driving a horse-drawn rubbish cart, thinks the whale is the most unusual problem his men have faced. The giant mammal was cut up, the blubber going to a manufacturing concern and the rest to incinerators.

Incineration is also the fate of some 300 dead creatures collected every year from such places as beaches, zoos and stables. Bulky metal objects are taken to land-fill projects. These range from bedsprings to portions of crashed planes, such as the one that struck the Empire State Building.

When rent money, rings and other valuables are inadvertently thrown away the owners are quick to talk with the Sanitation Department. And the department is ready to cooperate. Its men have often spent a whole

day sifting through a three-ton truckload of refuse to find a wedding ring.

A few years ago, among hundreds of tons of refuse in a land-fill project on Staten Island, it helped locate eight little capsules of radium valued at $1,300. They'd somehow slipped into the trash at a doctor's office.

--From the New York Times

SCHOOL FOR THE PYGMIES

A familiar childhood summons--the school bell--has sounded for the pygmies of Africa's tropical forests.

Formal instruction has long been resisted by the little nomads, who live largely for hunting, warring, and the practice of primitive skills. Now, however, education is getting a foothold in the deep wilderness of the continent.

In the remote Impfondo district of French Equatorial Africa, fifteen youngsters of the Babinga tribe now go to school. Another pygmy school is conducted by the De Foucauld Sisters near Stanleyville in the Belgian Congo. Parents often join their children in learning, the National Geographic Society says.

The tribe's teachers first must master the complicated pygmy language, then hammer home the three R's. Some pygmies, eager traders, already can count well and take quickly to numbers.

Instead of chalk and blackboard, instructors use stick marks on the soft ground in front of four-foot-high schoolroom huts built in an hour by pygmy women. Schbols are frequently on the move, since pygmies abandon one village after another in quest of game animals.

Some notable pygmies already are known for their learning ability. At 23 Mbumba, a pupil in the Fernan-Vas Mission in French Equatorial Africa, speaks several languages and has become a business-office clerk.

Two Akka pygmy children, Tebo and Chairallah, could read and write Italian two years after they were sent to Europe to school. Their marks in dictation, writing, and parsing ranked well in a European class. Tebo

became a pianist. Another pygmy girl, Saida, now speaks both Italian and German.

African pygmies are confined largely to the Congo Basin, the Cameroons, the Ituri Forest and Gabon regions. Strangely, not far from the pygmies of the Ituri Forest live some of the Nilotic tribes, among the world's tallest people, ranging to 7 feet.

Despite their own small size (about four and one half feet high) pygmies rate as formidable adversaries to man and beast. Practiced marksmen, they kill elephants with short spears or poisoned arrows. A pygmy bowman can shoot three arrows so fast that the last leaves the bow before the first hits its mark. If he misses, he is apt to fly into a rage, breaking his bow.

Skilled at climbing, the pygmies obtain honey from wild bees' nests. This booty, together with meat and material for thatched huts, is traded to neighboring tribes for vegetables.

So adept are pygmies at fading into the forest that some other tribes believe the midget people command the power of making themselves invisible at will.

--From the New York Times

BETSIE BARKS

Hello. How are you? I'm fine!

Last week the Boss and I stayed with some friends in a new kind of house. Almost all the walls were made of glass. I could look right through the house to the other side and see all the chairs, tables and couches and a fireplace. There were big curtains they could pull across the glass walls when they didn't want people to see through.

There were no rugs anywhere, but the floor was warm. The Boss told me they have heat in the floor instead of in radiators. It was a pretty house, bright and shiny.

They had two dogs there, Debby and Cindy, and they were nice to me. We ran around together and played. Debby was cross with me one time, though. I started to go into a garden that was growing right in the middle of the living room and she chased me away. It looked just like any garden you see outside, but dogs aren't allowed in it. It's against the rule. I didn't go near it again and Debby was nice to me the rest of the time.

Have you ever seen a glass house? I wonder if it could break sometime. I know glass dishes can break.

Thank you and goodbye.

Betsie Dinsmore

NEWS CAPSULES

The Wilton, Conn., home of John Knox Jessup, chief editorial writer of Life magazine, was razed by fire. Its ten occupants were saved because the family dog woke them, but the dog died because it rushed back into the house apparently to make sure that its favorite little girl was not in it. The self-sacraficing hero, Fingal, was a cheerful ten-month-old German shepherd.

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Mrs. Georgia Neese Clark Gray, former Treasurer of the U. S., was abducted from her home by three armed men who forced her to open a vault of the Richland State Bank, which she heads, and stole approximately $1,200. The bandits then escorted Mrs. Gray, 55, to a grocery which she owns and took $767. Mrs. Gray, who was U. S. Treasurer during the Truman administration, later was released unharmed.

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James Conley delivered mail to Marie MacDonagh for four years without knowing she was the half-sister who was separated from him twenty-five years ago. Mrs. MacDonagh is a clerk at a market. A customer asked if she knew the name of the mailman who just had walked in with a sack on his shoulder. Going over to Mr. Conley, Mrs. MacDonagh asked: "What's your name?" "Conley." "That's funny. That was my stepfather's name. What's your first name?" "Jimmy." "I had a younger brother named Jimmy." "Well, I had an older sister named Marie. What's your name?" "Marie." It was just like that.

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Mistinguett, French music-hall star for half a century whose legs were said to have been insured from $3,000,000 to $5,000,000, died at the age of 82. Maurice Chevalier, Mistinguett's partner for many years, sent her the following farewell message from Las Vegas: "My wife, my mistress, my greatest friend, you are not leaving, not disappearing, you are becoming different, that's all. You'll always be where life leads me...You'll remain for all, the light among lights of the City of Light. Eternally Maurice." And in a PS, he added: "Will be with you very soon."

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Farmlands in the wet, low-lying regions of East Anglia are being invaded by large South American rodents called coypus. The animals, which normally feed on the riverside vegetation, have become accustomed to a British way of life. They are destroying the local sugar beet crops by nibbling off the tops of the growing plants. In addition, they are flooding the land by burrowing deep into the banks of rivers and drainage canals at water-level. Shotgun patrols are being organized to exterminate the twenty-eight-pound invaders.

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A college sophomore shot and killed his former girl friend's fiance and shot himself after having failed to talk the couple out of marriage plans. Barbara Carpenter had been dating both Gerald Witherspoon, 21, a student from Hereford, Tex., and E.C. Enoch, a chemist. Witherspoon called on Miss Carpenter and she told him she was engaged to Mr. Enoch. He met the couple at the girl's home and offered her an engagement ring. When she refused it, Witherspoon thereupon shot Mr. Enoch and himself.

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A new automatic vending idea with potential employment possibilities for the blind and perhaps the deaf-blind is under consideration by the New York City Transit authority. They are contemplating the installation of newspaper vending machines on city-owned buses. These specially designed vending machines can easily be filled and the coins removed at bus terminals by the visually handicapped. The great impasse to the plan is the vehement opposition of newsstand operators who claim that the two million newspaper-buying bus passengers will force them out of business if the plan is adopted.

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For six years the $1,218,211 Boston Brink holdup remained the most baffling mystery in the annals of crime. Just as the statute of limitations was expiring, a vindictive woman informed the FBI that her boy friend participated in the classic robbery. With this lead, it was a matter of routine for the G-men to piece the case together and apprehend the bandits who pulled the biggest cash robbery in history.

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A physician was credited with bringing a neighbor's 4-year-old boy back to life after the child had been electrocuted by an electric toy train and a fallen Christmas tree. Dr. Robert Squires was summoned minutes after the New Year's Eve accident. After exhaustive attempts to revive him, he pronounced Neal Demers dead. Dr. Squires, however, administered adrenalin, one shot directly to the heart, and then got the child's parents permission to open his chest. Moments after he began massaging the heart, it began beating and Neal was breathing again.

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TRIVIA

TOMORROW'S BLUE PLATE? - Henry Freeney of Jacksonville, Fla., complained to police that when he fell asleep on a chophouse counter stool, someone stole the shoes off his feet.

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GOODBYE, MY LOVE - John Burns took his wife through the Tunnel of Love in Palisades Park, N. J., 66 consecutive times. To the astonished attendants, he said, "It took me 66 trips to talk her into giving me a divorce."

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LESSON IN THRIFT - Mother tried to break it up when a 13-year-old California girl married a boy of 20, but the child bride said: "We can't afford to separate. The icebox is full of groceries."

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LOOSE SCREWS IN THE WHEELS OF JUSTICE - During a robbery trial in Indiana, Judge Saul I. Rabb rejected a request that the jurors be examined by a psychiatrist. "There is no statutory requirement that a juror be sane," ruled his honor.

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SWEET ADLAI - A Washington restaurant has helped open the political campaign by reviving the Adlai Sling, a cocktail the bartender created back in 1951. If you're safe at home, with something soft to fall on, you might try it. It consists of one-quarter lemon juice, one-quarter brandy, one-quarter gin and one-quarter apricot brandy. If you're out on the town, be sure to pin on a return address.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME? - An American Indian volunteered to become a parachute jumper in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N. C. He probably made it, too, since his name is Pvt. Broken Leg.

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DOGGONE! - In Denver, a man asked for a divorce because every time he put his arm around his wife the man living with them sic'd the family dog on him.

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WILY WILEY - That old Capitol Hill jester, Sen. Alexander Wiley showed up at a party and was asked if he'd been campaigning back home. "Nope," replied the Senator, "I've merely been appealing to the logic and reason of my constituents."

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FILTHY LUCRE - Bandits rammed a bank messenger car in suburban Victoria Park, London, and escaped with $39,200 in soiled banknotes that were being taken for destruction.

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TV TAILS - John Crosby noted that one of Mr. Garroway's writers was getting $150 a week while the chimpanzee on the show drew $750. "People are on the way out," Crosby said, "You're much better off if you're a chimpanzee." The dogs did well, too. There came a Friday night when Rin Tin Tin had more viewers than Perry Como and Eddie Fisher (singers) combined.

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OLD HANDS IN BURGLARY - The famed 1,145-year-old wooden temple statue of Buddha in Kawachi, Japan, suffered a bit of unscheduled surgery. Thieves removed two of its six hands.

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SPORTS SHOTS

The Lou Gehrig Memorial Award, for the major league player who best exemplifies the character of Lou Gehrig, will be presented for the first time to Alvin Dark of the Giants...The Detroit Tigers and New York Giants will meet in the 1956 Hall of Fame game in Cooperstown, N. Y., July 23... Enos Slaughter 39-year-old outfielder who batted .315 last season, signed his 1956 contract with Kansas City A's...The Dodgers' chances for the 1956 pennant slumped as Johnny Podres was classified 1-A by his draft board...Three of baseball's home run kings--Babe Ruth, Jimmy Fox and Frank Baker--were elected to the Maryland Athletic Hall of Fame. A fourth member, Robert Garrett, who won the discus throw in the 1896 Olympic Games at Athens, also was named...Dick Bartell, a 47-year-old former major league infielder, signed to manage the Montgomery Rebels of the South Atlantic League this year...The Senators signed up Stuckenschneider a right-handed pitcher who will play with their Chattanooga farm...Catcher Hal Smith and first baseman Gus Triandos signed 1956 contracts with the Baltimore Orioles...At the Sports Broadcasters annual dinner, Walt Alston, manager of the Dodgers and Babe Zaharias each received the Graham McNamee memorial awards for outstanding contributions to the world of sports...The New York State Athletic Commission ordered the New York Boxing Managers Guild to dissolve because of "undesirable practices."...The Golf Writers Association of America named President Eisenhower as the winner of the Ben Hogan Trophy for 1955. The trophy has been awarded annually since 1953 to the golfer who has proved an inspiration by overcoming a physical ailment or handicap and continuing to play golf.

MARGINALIA

Tokyo Rose, one of the siren voices of the Japanese radio during World War II, was released from prison...The Society for the Prevention of World War III called on President Eisenhower to take action to prevent the release of Nazi war criminal Col. Joachim Peiper...A Senate investigating panel reported to Congress that addiction to narcotics, a principal contributor to crime, has tripled in the United States since World War II...Hundreds of bombers of the Strategic Air Command, always kept aloft day and night, can take atomic bombs aboard in about an hour if a sneak attack is made on the United States...An anonymous citizen sent President Eisenhower a pair of working gloves--mink lined...A top-level civil defense committee in Washington reported that Russia and the United States soon will have H-Bombs with the destructive power of 50,000,000 tons of TNT...Infamous Joe Adonis of "Murder Inc." left his palatial New Jersey home for voluntary deportation to his native Italy...Grief-stricken Japanese mourners paid their last respects to 140 dead who lost their lives in a religious stampede while praying to the Shinto gods for good crops and good fortune... The giant British Comet III sped from Montreal to London in 6 hours 18 minutes--the first nonstop Atlantic crossing by a jet airliner...A new outfit called Marital AAA (Anti-All Alimony) held its first meeting at the Hotel Lexington in New York...The Wayside Inn at Sudbury, Mass., built in 1686, and immortalized in verse by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, was destroyed by fire...Donald Corley, poet, architect and one of the last of the oldtime Bohemians (a contemporary of Edna St. Vincent Millay and Eugene O'Neill) was buried in potter's field...Percy T. Martin, deceased Los Angeles real

estate man, left two women acquaintances $8,700 apiece plus $300 a month for life--but with a catch. The girls only get the $300 if they stay away from tobacco, alcohol and men...J. Edgar Hoover called on the American people to drop the use of the word "cop" in referring to police officers... An investigation into Jersey City, N. J., finances revealed that lawyers, who never set foot into schools, were on the teachers' payroll...The longest marriage on record, 80 years, came to an end with the death of Benjamin Hartley...Montague H. Duval, 55, an executive of a Detroit concern apparently committed suicide after writing a note requesting that his eyes be given to an eye bank...Satiris Fassoulis, 33, was held in $50,000 bail on a federal charge of using an interstate wire in a defraud scheme that involved $346,000 worth of counterfeit American Tel.& Tel. Bonds... A passerby noticing the license number of a get away car, led to the arrest of Patrolman Joseph Brennan, 31, of the N.Y.C. police department for participating in a haberdashery store hold-up...In filming "The Ten Commandments," 68 tons of jello costing $10,000 was used to simulate the parted Red Sea...A new law to govern chemical additives to foods was urged as a principal aim of the fiftieth anniversary this year of the Food and Drug Act...The world's largest atomic power station, 92,000 kilowatts, at Calder Hall, Cumberland, will be opened by Queen Elizabeth... The entire film library of R.K.O. has been sold for television distribution for $15,200,000...Gaston Philips, a 51-year-old former tubercular patient, pleaded guilty to a charge that he had operated a policy numbers game while confined in New York's Kings County Hospital. He said his clients were fellow patients and friendly doctors...Leo Durocher said a gunman robbed him of $20 in the driveway of his Beverly Hills home...Thirty-eight West German Army officers and non-coms arrived in the United States to study and train in various military schools...A group of Federal prisoners

is cooperating with a team of scientists in a research project aimed at improving the Salk poliomyelitis vaccine...Five flying missionaries from the United States are believed to have been seized and at least one of them slain by savage Auca Indians in the remote Amazon jungle region of northeastern Ecuador...The Government announced plans to recruit retired military officers and other former armed forces personnel as high school teachers...For her new night club act, Imogene Coca's tramp costume cost her more than $1,000, but that didn't include the hat--a battered topper she picked up in a church bazaar for $3...The Government will begin this year its first intensive campaign to find out more about the mechanics of hurricanes...The stolen Walt Whitman diary, valued at $27,500, has been anonymously returned by mail to the Detroit Public Library...The Post Office Department announced ten additional new postage issues for 1956, making a total of seventeen scheduled for this year...Prof. Richard Wooley, the new Astronomer Royal, said that the idea of interplanetary travel was "utter bilge."...Albert Woolson, 108, the last survivor of the Union Army, was recovering sufficiently from an attack of lung congestion to enjoy one of his daily cigars...Hammond (Ham) Fisher, 54, creator of the comic strip "Joe Palooka," committed suicide because of failing vision, leaving an estate of $2,500,000...Ely Culbertson, contract bridge expert and chairman of the Citizens Committee for United Nations Reform, died at the age of 64...Mrs. Josephine Peary, widow of Admiral Robert E. Peary, who discovered the North Pole in 1909, and an Arctic explorer in her own right, died at the age of 92...Frank Hague, 79, former Jersey City boss died, leaving an estimated $10,000,000...An Alpine avalanche crunched over a ski party, killing two Americans and two French skiers. Two other Americans were dug from the snow alive and unhurt...Grace Kelly to marry Prince Rainier III of Monaco. The actress met him while she was in Monte Carlo...

Jambo, a 4-year-old male gorilla from Pittsburgh, who lost thirty pounds in the last four weeks, will undergo extensive diagnostic tests at the Bronx Zoo. Veterinarians think Jambo developed the disease of intellectuals-ulcers...Harold Chester, 23, saw a crowd outside his Los Angeles hotel. He went downstairs and found that a girl had leaped to her death from a bridge across the street. The girl was his wife...The first edition of the English-language Moscow News to be printed in six years consisted of eight pages and carried strip cartoons and many photographs...Another victim of the age of mechanization, the Frankfurt horse market, the oldest in Europe, closed after 700 years of horse trading...Senator Alben W. Barkley's stepdaughter married his grandson...Karandash, leading Soviet comic, is in trouble for hitting a child with an empty vodka bottle, after consuming the contents...Patrolman William Mills was sent to a hospital in Rockville Centre, N. Y., on a report that a heart patient had leaped to his death. The dead man was his father...A blind radio designer, Robert Gunderson, 36, of New York, was named winner of General Electric's annual Edison radio amateur award...Mrs. Emma Richter, of Lynn, Mass., made it to 102 and allowed that the trick is to take good whisky for everything that ails you...A Kings County grand jury recommended that the police establish an identification card system in Brooklyn to prevent minors under 18 years of age from buying intoxicating beverages...Sears, Roebuck catalogue will offer live Mexican burros, hamsters, mynah birds and four varieties of monkeys...Two officials of a New York clothing firm were arrested for fraudulently labelling coats as "100% cashmere," while the garments contained used wool. The shoddy coats found their way into leading department stores of the nation as "super sales."

ALIBIS ASSORTED

A Cincinnati man, explaining to police why he stole three white-wall tires: "I found one and needed three more to match it."

A Chicago man, arrested for drunkenness: "I really didn't intend to drink the whole bottle all at once, but I lost the cork."

A master forester of Berchtesgaden, Germany, who admitted setting fire to state-owned Alpine skiing huts, was jailed despite his defense that he wanted to scare away "all those stupid tourists."

A Kalamazoo, Mich., man, defending himself on a drunkenness charge, blamed it all on his dog: "Skippy can do a lot of tricks and just loves to perform. Every time he'd do a trick someone would buy me a drink. The blasted dog just wouldn't stop doing tricks."

Washington police who caught a man working with file and pliers on the back door of a local church were told by the offender that he was merely seeking "spiritual guidance."

A man in Wellington, New Zealand, told a court that he had jumped from a theatre balcony into the lap of a woman seated below in order to practice what to do in case of an earthquake.

A patron in a Mexico City restaurant, explaining why, after eating 100 sandwiches and refusing to pay his check, he stuck around until police came: "I was so full I couldn't move."

A nurse in Youngstown, Ohio, who, ignoring a railroad brakeman's red lantern and driving her car around him, crashed into a train: "I didn't want to stop in that neighborhood after dark."

A Japanese industrialist arrested in Tokyo as a pickpocket, explained that collections from customers were most difficult and he had to get money some way to pay his employes.

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

The motion picture, radio and television have enriched our English language by adding words and phrases peculiar to those industries. Some of these expressions have become generally familiar while others are known primarily "in the trade."

In this new vernacular the camera takes, not pictures, but "long shots," "medium shots," or "close ups." These are the initial "rushes" which are put together into something we might consider a film, but which is labeled "the working print." "Audio takes are dubbed into the visual takes" (translation--the sound track is added to the picture film).

When a picture appears on the screen gradually it "fades in" and when it disappears in the same manner it "fades out" or "dissolves."

"Panning" is not a slang word for unfavorable criticism as we use it, but describes the action of the camera when it follows a performer around the set (stage).

When the object on the screen is seen first from a distance, then nearer and nearer, as if you were walking toward it, the camera man "dollies in." When he "dollies back" the effect is the reverse, as if you were backing away from the scene.

The "working prints" for movies and television are edited until the "finished print" is ready for reproduction. Radio tape recordings are also adjusted for perfect transcription. The editing is done in either instance by "cutting," "splicing," and tightening up." Radio

tapes have one advantage over the prints in that parts of the tapes can be erased when necessary. The final production gives no hint of the "flubs" (mistakes) that have been eliminated.

In January of each year many of us review the past twelve months. We "play back" the mental tape recording of the last year, but we cannot edit it! We cannot cut and splice, nor can we erase any part. The "flubs" must remain to haunt us. Someone said recently, "After all, there is no such thing as a 'flubless' era." However, every one of us has a "clean" tape now and perhaps we can improve in our technique of recording for 1956.

Annette B. Dinsmore

THE CASE OF THE 'PERFECT' CRIME

by

Percy Hoskins

There are probably quite a few people walking about who have achieved a perfect murder. As I see it, the perfect crime is one in which the victim's body has passed beyond recovery--by cremation--and two well-intentioned, unsuspecting doctors have written the words "Natural Causes" across the death certificate. This has happened.

The case before us is the story of a man who did not aspire to such a degree of perfection in crime. He thought all the circumstances were on his side anyway.

The setting was perfect for a murder: The London blitz. Who would ever know that one among so many dead was not a bomb victim? Would Scotland Yard? Well, maybe, but this murderer was not going to commit the one mistake that so many murderers make. The yard might catch others, the stupid ones, but never him.

He was justified up to a point. He was, if not clever, at least supremely cunning. That is why the uncovering of his "perfect murder" was one of the yard's most brilliant triumphs.

It was a mean crime. He strangled a woman, set fire to the body and then buried it in quicklime, under debris in the cellar of a blitzed Baptist chapel in Kennington.

He felt safe in the certainty that it would be a long, long time before the debris-clearing gangs got around to the pile of chapel rubble.

It was. It was in July, 1942, that workmen prying up a heavy stone slab uncovered a scorched skeleton. It could have been just another bomb victim. But the skeleton was given a thorough medical examination.

Two things seemed odd: There was an unusual quantity of lime in the soil around the bones and a tiny bone in the voice-box was fractured.

It was Dr. Keith Simpson, Home Office pathologist, who found the fracture. He knew what it almost certainly indicated--strangulation.

The problem was turned over to Deputy Commander William Rawlings--a man who actually looks like Sherlock Holmes.

Mr. Rawlings' favorite subject is psychology. ("We deal with human beings--we must know human weaknesses," he said.) Here was a task, then, for a Holmes. Identifying the skeleton alone would have seemed an impossible job to any ordinary man.

What was known about the strangled woman? She had been between 40 and 50 and roughly five feet tall. The lower jaw was missing, but she had worn a dental plate with probably seven false teeth. Four remaining teeth had fillings.

How many women fitted these age and height figures? At least 1,000 were reported missing. Mr. Rawlings slogged on. He knew that the backbone of successful detection is really a fanatical brand of thoroughness. He sought out the relative of each of those 1,000 missing women and asked: "Did she wear an upper dental plate with seven false teeth?"

Somewhere well down the list he interviewed the sister of Mrs. Rachel Dobkin, who vanished on Good Friday--April 11--1941. She had been living apart from her husband.

Rachel, said her sister, was about the age and height of the murdered woman. Her upper dental plate? Yes, she had one, but how could anyone say how many teeth there had been in it? Search started for Rachel Dobkin's dentist. The day after Rachel Dobkin disappeared her handbag had been found 30 miles away in Guildford. Mr. Rawlings pondered on that. In that bag had been her ration book and identity card. No one came forward to claim these. Did this mean that Mrs. Dobkin had not needed them any more? That she was dead? If the woman in that cellar really was Mrs. Dobkin, how did her handbag get to Guildford? Did someone plant it there to give the impression she had fled the London bombs?

Other inquiries were being made too. Mr. Rawlings wondered who had seen the fire. Who was the policeman on the beat? Sure enough, Mr. Rawlings found a constable who remembered the fire. There was, he said, someone else there that night. A man who volunteered the information: "I am a firewatcher over there" (a nearby block of offices), and added in a joking way: "I didn't do it."

Mr. Rawlings sent out his men to trace that firewatcher. They did. His name: Harry Dobkin. The man was brought in and questioned. A detective inspector told him:

"In fairness, I should tell you that human remains were found in the cellar of the chapel near where you were fire-watching in April, 1941, and we are satisfied that they are those of your wife."

Said Dobkin: "I don't know what you are talking about. I don't know of any cellar at the chapel and I have never been down one there. In fact, I don't believe it is my wife...."

Then he made a mistake. He offered to write a statement. He wrote:

"In respect to what you say that my wife has been found dead or murdered...."

The police had said nothing about murder.

The crime-laboratory specialists had been busy, too. They had superimposed a full-face portrait of Mrs. Dobkin on an X-ray portrait of the skull. They matched exactly. Her dentist had been found. He was shown the jaw and he said: "This is Mrs. Dobkin's upper jaw and those are my fillings."

Harry Dobkin was still not clever enough to see that he was doomed. He was confident right through the trial. But the jury found him guilty, after being out for only 20 minutes.

He confessed during his last days, when his reprieve had been refused and he realized that his had been no perfect murder.

His wife, he said, had been pressing him for more money. He wanted to get rid of her. It was as sordid as that. He was hanged on January 27, 1943, at Wandsworth.

--From the New York World-Telegram

BUSINESS IN PETS

by

Fred Sparks

Even America's dogs and cats are sharing the national boom. Since 1945 the sum spent to house, feed, medicate and dress Bowser and Kitty has doubled. The 1955 total will pass a billion dollars--more than it cost George Washington to arm the Colonials.

Our pets are entertained and fed scientifically--except by the New Yorker who bought a diamond choker for her pomeranian and the Kansas City matron whose siamese won't touch anything but caviar.

There are 25 million dogs and the same number of cats in the United States. Despite various controls, the population soars three to four percent yearly.

Only a few thousand dogs are homeless. But several million cats dine on garbage cans and rodents, reside in cellars and gopher holes. Only a handful of dogs and cats are gainfully employed, herding sheep, pointing birds, watching houses, catching mice, pulling sleds or appearing on TV.

High bracket earners live in New York and Hollywood. Complete with agents and insurance policies they strut for movie and advertising cameras. TV brought them wider horizons--and polished tired jokes. Says the trainer: "I have a dog-and-cat duo that can sing 'Tea for Two' to each other while holding cups in their paws." Replies the TV producer: "Sorry, I can't use them--the song's too old."

The census has been taken by an industry, centered in Chicago, that sells $150 million yearly in canned pet food, $100 million in dry biscuits,

$250 million in kennels, muzzles, books, cemetery lots, catnip, pills, curry-combs, teething bones and rubber booties to keep precious paws out of the wet. Add to this at least another half billion in fresh foods--liver, hamburger, fish, cream and an occasional snort--and you have big business. (This excludes repairing and cleaning rugs, sofas, table legs and nipped postmen.)

"We haven't scratched the surface," says Gail B. Urban of Swift and Co., the packer now deep in pet food. Today all dog and cat food peddled weighs a mere two-and-a-quarter billion pounds annually. Mr. Urban figures the potential is seven times that. The average dog downs a pound a day, the average cat half a pound; and they're still hungry.

Grants by Swift and Company maintain a pet survey at the University of Wisconsin and one in Chicago. Dogs and cats loll in air-conditioned luxury while experts check every bark and meow. Short-haired terriers are preferred; they're most typical.

Dogs are kept in separate cages on different diets and exercises. The only time a dog meets another dog is for observed, scientific romance. They have less privacy than Eddie Fisher. They are trying new compounds with more or less cod-liver oil, potasium and vitamin B complex.

Nothing could be more symbolic of our expanding economy than this attention paid pets. Grandma--driving Rover out of the yard with her broom--would giggle.

In northern Greece travelers carry stout clubs for defense against packs of half-starved dogs. And in Korea dogs raided the chow line. But in good times an American does not live by bread alone--why should Bowser live on scraps?

--From the New York World-Telegram

BETSIE BARKS

Hello. How are you? I'm fine!

I got nice things for Christmas. I got a rubber slipper with a crackle inside it. I got a pipe and a ball with bells in them and a squeaky mouse. I got some dog candy, too. The Boss let me play with all my toys, but she wouldn't let me have the candy all at one time.

Lots of friends came to our house for days and days. They laughed and talked and played the piano. They played with me, too, and it was fun. They all liked our Christmas tree.

Now it is quiet and the Boss is working hard. I like it when people come.

One night last week it was very cold. I shivered on my bed. The Boss's wooly bathrobe fell on the floor, so I curled up on it. It was nice and warm. I thought the Boss wouldn't know, but somehow the next morning she did. But she wasn't cross, and now I have a little blanket for my bed. It is warm, too, and I can muss it up all I want and the hairs don't matter.

I hope you will all have a Happy New Year.

Thank you and goodbye.

Betsie Dinsmore

NEWS CAPSULES

Thirteen-year-old Betty Louise Willis of Greenville, Tenn., became her own grandmother recently--with her parents' consent. She married Ed Earley, who gave his age as "over 50." The girl's father and mother, Paul Willis and the former Mrs. Paul Willis, were divorced and then married, respectively, a daughter and a son of Earley. So, the bride became the mother-in-law of both her parents and, technically, her own grandmother.

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Magician Ronald Frank was strangled to death while performing at a social function in Kingston, Jamaica. As part of his act, Frank placed a rope around his neck, gave the ends to 12 men and told them to pull. They pulled--apparently before he was ready for them. He died before the startled crowd.

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The District Attorney's office in New York City announced the arrest of eight Tombs' guards--three with prison records themselves--for selling favors to the inmates. Scotch was going at $35 a bottle; a better cell could be bought for $40; the price for a walk in the corridor was 50 cents.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Steigerwald Etzl of Philadelphia went to Yugoslavia in the early Nineteen Thirties, where she married a Yugoslav named Steigerwald, by whom she had a son. Her husband was killed in World War II, their home destroyed and the family was separated. The boy's mother returned to Philadelphia and subsequently remarried. She learned recently that a boy, sixteen years old, named Steigerwald was in a Yugoslav orphanage and wrote

to him. His reply, describing his childhood rocking horse and their home in Belgrade, convinced her she had at last found her son.

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Juvenile Court in Akron, Ohio, is expected to turn over five teen-age girls to be prosecuted on first-degree murder charges for the slaying of a detention home matron. The victim, Mrs. Eula Bonham, 59, was bound and then choked with ammonia-soaked rags in the girls' dormitory. The girls escaped by smashing a window in the basement. Two surrendered, two were captured, and the fifth, married at 13, abandoned plans to rejoin her husband and came shivering back to the home.

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Protests broke out in Canada over comedian Bob Hope's jokes about Princess Margaret's broken romance. On "The Bob Hope Show," the British-born star quipped about the Princess' decision not to marry Group Captain Peter Townsend. "Townsend should have known better than try and play the palace," Hope said, "I never could." The comedian added that he planned to leave for England soon and expected to see wet handkerchiefs hanging on the line. It was, he said, the "second time the Townsend plan had been turned down." Canadian Broadcasting Company officials said network switchboards were deluged with telephone calls of complaint after the show went off the air.

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Andrew Stephens of El Paso, Ill., has a .22 caliber bullet lodged in his heart and there is little he can do about it. An examination by a heart specialist showed there would be more danger in removing the bullet than in allowing it to remain in his heart muscle. He was shot accidentally.

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Detective Frank J. Pallone found on a prisoner a pamphlet, published in Chicago for $4.75, that gave detailed instructions on how to make skeleton keys at home. The police said Frank A. Tomaini, 33 years old, a tailor, had used the knowledge thus gained to make a set of keys that could open all the city's sixty parking meters. Tomaini had opened about forty meters and collected $104 in small change before he was caught.

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Marie Dionne, a novice in a religious order, homesick and under-nourished, has left a convent in Quebec for the second time. The smallest and the shyest of the four surviving 21-year-old quintuplets has been admitted to a hospital in Montreal for medical observation, where her sisters, Cecile and Yvonne, are training as nurses. She had originally entered the convent in 1953, and served six months as a postulant before becoming a novice. In July, 1954, she left, the reason given being that she was homesick and in poor health. After remaining with her family for almost a year, she re-entered this fall. In the meantime, she and her sisters reached the age of 21 and received $200,000 each.

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Charles E. Taylor, who built the engine for the Wright Brothers' plane, is in a Los Angeles hospital because he has "no place to go." The 87-year-old aviation pioneer built the first successful plane engine in 1902 after Wilbur and Orville Wright had decided to put power into one of their gliders. The engine powered the flight at Kitty Hawk. "We were sort of partners. I built the engine and they built the plane," he said. The hospital said he received $800 yearly from a fund left by Orville Wright, which apparently was his only income.

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C. J. Habets, a Netherlands art dealer, believes he has discovered an early painting by Rembrandt. It is 10 feet 5 inches by 6 feet and shows a group of musicians. One woman in the painting resembles Rembrandt's portrait of his wife Saskia. In some accounts of Rembrandt's life, a painting called "The Musicians" is mentioned, but it has never been traced.

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Uncle Sam is interested in a new typewriter keyboard which, its inventor says, can increase output by as much as 35 percent. The idea is to put the keys that do the work closest to the fingers. All the vowels will be on the second row of keys, where the fingers usually rest. The The government plans a test, using typists on the orthodox keyboard and others on the new one.

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Turkish police, with the assistance of United States narcotics agents, seized more than a ton of illegal narcotics destined for the United States. The agents seized 210 pounds of morphine, 1,936 pounds of opium and a complete illegal laboratory for the conversion of opium into morphine. If the drugs had gone through the final conversion, they would have produced 564 pound of heroin, worth at least $4,000,000, the biggest seizure ever made in Europe. Eight persons were arrested, one of whom later committed suicide.

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Guided by signals from the Copenhagen Observatory, King Frederik pressed a button to start a clock that is to run for 1,000 years or more without a stop. It is to deviate only two-fifths of a second every 300 years. On ten dials, the clock shows, among other things, the days, weeks, months and years of the Gregorian and Julian calendars.

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TRIVIA

CLEARANCE SALE - Auctioneer J. H. Walton slammed his hammer and called out "sold!" Two hundred people dropped. The floor of the store where the auction sale was being held sank six feet to a basement. Five ambulances took people to a hospital. Several were treated for shock. No one was hurt badly.

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GUNPLAY ON THE RANGE - A kitchen stove shot Leroy Carter in the leg. Bullets from a nearby container fell in the stove and were discharged when Carter, 55, fired it up. He was hit once.

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DO-IT-YOURSELF - Harry Toffel of the Miami Beach Balmoral Hotel visited a friend who showed him a room full of bolted cloth and explained his wife was a do-it-yourself addict who makes all her own clothes. Then he showed Harry another room full of live alligators. "She also makes her own handbags," said the friend proudly.

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WRONG KINGDOM - Sunday School Teacher Ethel Gillespie told her pupils to draw pictures giving their impression of King David of Israel. Six of the youngsters turned in sketches with a coon-skin capped David.

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STANDARD EQUIPMENT ONLY - General Motors got an auto order from an African witch doctor. He wants real heads in his headlights.

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MAKING HIS POINT - Mayor George Herndon was addressing a group of auxiliary policemen on "Law Enforcement" when he was informed that an armed bandit had robbed his music store of $40.

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A COSTLY DEMONSTRATION - A prospective purchaser got into a sleek new automobile in a dealer's show room and started the motor. The car was in gear and jumped through the framework that supported the glass front, knocking out two large plate glass windows. Damage: $200.

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WHO, ME? - A motorist reported to police that a reckless driver had been following him, trying to hit his car. He gave the license number of the offender. About the same time, another motorist reported a case of reckless driving. He said he had chased the man to warn him not to drive so recklessly, but couldn't catch him.

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SPORTS SHOTS

Roy Campanella won the most valuable player award...Yogi Berra, a potent factor in the seven pennants the Yankees have won in the last nine campaigns, again has been named the American League's most valuable player...Herb Score, Cleveland's speedballing lefthander, was named American League Rookie of 1955. He received 18 votes out of a possible 24 from a committee of the Baseball Writers' Assn. Billy Klaus got five votes and Norm Zauchin, one...Eddie Joost, a major league shortstop and the 1954 manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, was named manager of the San Francisco Seals...The world champion Brooklyn Dodgers will play seven regular-season games and one exhibition game in Roosevelt Stadium, Jersey City, this year...Pee Wee Reese signed his 1956 contract for $36,000...Monte Irvin, whose big bat played a key role in the Giants' miracle finish in 1951, is coming back to the major leagues at the ripe old age of 37--this time with the Cubs...Pitcher, Hal Jeffcoat, traded by the Cubs to Cincinnati for Catcher Hobie Landrith, announced his retirement from baseball...Bill White will be given the chance to win the first base Giant job at Phoenix, Ariz., training camp...Rollie Hemsley, former major league catcher, was named manager of the Charlotte Hornets of the Class A South Atlantic League...The Boston Red Sox have bought the San Fransicco franchise for $150,000 in a deal calculated to strengthen the Pacific Coast League and are negotiating the sale of their Louisville farm in the American Assn....The Dodgers added to their minor league chain with the purchase of the Macon, Ga., club of the South Atlantic League...

Art Davis, Mississippi halfback, was named "player of the year" at the Look Magazine All-American dinner. Calvin Jones, Iowa guard, was awarded the Outland Trophy as the Nation's top lineman...The University of Pittsburgh was named as the 1955 winner of the August V. Lambert Memorial Trophy. Since 1936 this award generally has been recognized as the symbol of Eastern collegiate football supremacy...Jim Swink, a 185-pound halfback who entered Texas Christian on a basketball scholarship, was named major college football's 1955 scoring champion with 125 points...Howard (Hopalong) Cassady, Ohio State's two-time All-American halfback and winner of last year's Heisman Trophy, was named as The United Press' "player of the year."...Big Ten football coaches recommended a change in the college rules to permit the defense to advance the ball on a fumble. They also proposed that a tenth or "tune-up" game be added to the schedule of each Western Conference team...Sam Snead won his sixth Miami Open golf tournament in a playoff with Tommy Bolt...Marine Lt. Wes Santee in practice ran three-quarters of a mile outdoors, two seconds faster than the American outdoor record he set in 1952. He recovered the distance in 2:56.2. His record set at Randalls Island in July, 1952 is 2:58.2...The men's world figure skating champion, Hayes Jenkins of Akron, Ohio, said this would be his last competitive season on ice...The giant fighter, Ewart Potgieter, decided to quit the ring because "I don't like hurting others." He weighs 325 pounds and is 7 feet 2 inches tall.

MARGINALIA

President Tito presented to Haile Selassie a 100-foot steel yacht as token of Yugoslavia's good will...Twelve enthusiastic spectators at a soccer match in Armenia were sentenced up to twenty-five years by Soviets for attempting to lynch the referee...The first new edition of the Russian Orthodox Bible since the Bolshevik Revolution will be published in Moscow next month...Hailstones declared to be three inches in diameter pelted Detroit. The hailstones, the size of baseballs, dented cars and did other damage...A New York carpet executive who lost both legs when muggers threw him into the path of a subway train won $150,000 settlement against the Transit Authority...Not one in every five persons who have reduced weight by dieting has been able to keep the weight off for more than three years...A 16-year-old New York high school senior has invented a drafting tool that can perform the designing work of five separate drawing devices... British critics unanimously praised former President Truman's published memoirs and added kind words for the man himself...An airliner, just after taking off in a snowstorm, crashed into a house in Seattle killing 27 GIs aboard. Forty-six other passengers and six occupants of the house survived...Army Engineers estimated that the cost of repairing damage done by floods and hurricanes last August amounted to $31,600,000... Twenty members of an auto theft ring, which authorities said was run from a cell in Leavenworth prison by Gabriel Vigorito, 61, king of the nation's auto thieves, were under indictment on federal car theft charges...The Japanese movie industry is now the world's second largest producer of

cinema footage--only the United States turns out more...The man who helped Rudolph Hess plot his 1941 "peace mission" to England has been repatriated from a Russian prisoner of war camp. Karl Heinz Pintsch, 46, was formerly adjutant to Hess...Joseph M. Swing, Immigration Commissioner, reminded aliens that they must report their addresses to Washington in January... About 2,000 Paris taxi drivers staged a "mourning strike" in protest against frequent armed attacks on drivers... Numb with cold, a 35-year-old Navy diver was rescued from 120 feet of water in the Patuxent River after being submerged nearly nine hours on what was to have been an eighteen minute dive...A home-made bomb, similar to twenty-four others found in public places in New York City since 1940, exploded in Grand Central Terminal. No one was injured...Western observers consider Chin Peng, a 33-year-old Malayan, who rose from stencil-cutter to secretary general of the Communist party on the Malay-Peninsula, the greatest threat to peace in that area... A massive jail, full of years but empty of prisoners, was bought by a Maine group for $1 to house historical data...The Krupp concern of Germany was reported to have decided to re-enter the field of aircraft production, after declaring they would never again produce military aircraft...When cafe singer Joyce Bryant decided to give up show business to become a clergywoman with the Seventh Day Adventists, she distibuted her $25,000 wardrobe among friends and the remaining property to the needy...A Hollywood shop sold white mink Christmas trees studded with semi-precious jewels at $18,750--each...Paul Muni returned to his starring role in "Inherit the Wind" after undergoing surgery for the removal of his left eye...Census takers reported 3,471 vagrants in Tokyo, the world's third largest city... A fireman touched a match to material from a window display in a bar to see if it was dangerously flammable. The material exploded. Flames raced through the interior of the bar.

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